

Section XI Appendix

This section contains a listing of various funding sources that are available to Alexander County. There are several options that are available for assistance through foundations, state and federal governments.

Funding and Resource Guide

Parks, Open Space, Land Preservation

NC Department of Environmental and Natural Resources

Extensive list of funding and tax credit resources

NC Department of Commerce

Invaluable economic statistics and funding opportunities in areas such as Heritage Tourism, Economic Impact/Tourism Research and Community Development

North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center

The center is dedicated to the development of innovative strategies to improve the lives of rural North Carolinians, with a special focus on economic opportunities for citizens with low to moderate incomes.

Parks and Recreation Trust Fund

The fund provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments for park and recreation purposes. Funding for acquisition, development or renovation.

NC Dept of Transportation Enhancements Fund (TEA21)

There are twelve funding categories including acquisition, landscaping, bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

North Carolina Trails Program

- Adopt-A-Trail Grant awards funds annually to government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private trail groups for such projects as trail building, trail signage and facilities, trail maintenance, and trail information brochures and maps.
- Recreation Trails Program (RTP) trail grant program funded by Congress with money from the federal gas taxes paid on fuel used by off-highway vehicles. Its intent is to meet the trail and trail-related recreational needs identified by the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The grant applicants must be able to contribute 20% of the project cost with cash or in-kind contributions.

Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program

This is a federally funded program, which awards matching funds to encourage citizen involvement in creating and sustaining urban and community forestry programs. Municipalities, counties, regional agencies, interest groups, educational facilities and private organizations are eligible to apply for funding for projects that enhance and promote the urban forest.

The North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund

This fund provides assistance to purchase

Resource Conservation & Development

Provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, improve, and sustain our natural resources and environment. There are nine regional offices serving North Carolina counties.

The Trust for Public Land

TPL helps conserve land for recreation and spiritual nourishment and to improve the health and quality of life of American communities.

Other Resources**Eat Smart, Move More NC Funding Opportunities**

Sponsored by the Division of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Health.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina

The foundation supports programs that increase access to health services for the uninsured, provides health education, promotes healthy lifestyles and supports health initiatives that target children, older adults and minorities

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation

The foundation makes grants in North Carolina for non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organizations and institutions.

Shade Structure Grant Program

Grant opportunity for common areas without shade trees.