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## **COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT CYCLE OPENS AUGUST 1**



*The Community Project Grant began in 2013 with eight communities receiving matching awards.*

RUTHERFORD COUNTY, N.C. - Rutherford County opens its 2014-2015 Community Project Grant for application on Friday, August 1. The matching grant program provides support to projects designed to visibly and directly enhance the community where the project is completed. This is the second year that the grant has been available.

Each community located within Rutherford County is eligible for up to \$1,000 of matching grant funds in a single fiscal year. Multiple grants may be awarded to a single community, as long as the maximum amount is not exceeded. Applicants are encouraged to utilize sustainable practices in their design by incorporating recycled products and reusable materials.

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“We hope that communities pursue this opportunity in the spirit of building partnerships and lasting relationships, while improving the places they call home. Residents will be able to enjoy these new projects and take even more pride in where they are from,” shared Board of Commissioners Chairman Bill Eckler.

Applications are available on the County [website, www.rutherfordcountync.gov](http://www.rutherfordcountync.gov), and at the Rutherford County Office Building located at 289 North Main Street, Rutherfordton. Completed applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014 and can be submitted by email, mail or in person. All proposed projects must be completed by June 30, 2015. Contact Adrienne Wallace at (828) 287-6061 or by email at [adrienne.wallace@rutherfordcountync.gov](mailto:adrienne.wallace@rutherfordcountync.gov) for more information.

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