

CAPE FEAR RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT, INC. (RC&D)

DESCRIPTION: Cape Fear RC&D's mission is to work cooperatively with individuals and groups to improve social, economic and environmental conditions, thereby enhancing the quality of life. Cape Fear RC&D assists the counties, municipalities and other groups to identify, organize, fund and implement projects that are important to the people of the given community, town, county, or region.

USE OF COUNTY FUNDS: This request reflects an increase of \$6,000 over last year's request, due to federal budget cuts, which eliminated funding for the administrative assistant. The requested funding is combined with \$9,000 requested from each of the five member counties. This combined amount is used for administration of the program and projects.

SERVICES: Cape Fear RC&D works on projects including natural resource management issues dealing with water quality, drainage management, agriculture and forestry, recreational, educational and rural economic development issues. Services include project development, facilitation, grant writing (fund raising), and project management. The agency assists the counties, municipalities, and other groups to identify, organize, fund, and implement projects that are important to the people of the given community, town, county, or region. All citizens are potential benefactors of RC&D. During FY 06-07 Cape Fear RC&D: assisted Pender County with the development of the \$3M Maple Hill Alternative Sewage System; developed a water quality testing component for the Maple Hill project and wrote a grant request to the NCEEG for \$343,300; assisted the Pender Economic Development Alliance with grant writing for a shared use commercial kitchen to be housed in Burgaw; assisted Pender County with the expansion of the Stewardship Development Award Program in the County; and provided surface water management technical assistance to groups and agencies of the County. The Agency plans to: assist Pender County in the implementation of the Maple Hill Alternative Sewage Project, a \$3M+ project which will be their major work in the County during FY 07-08; assist the Pender Economic Development Alliance in seeking funds for the Burgaw Commercial Kitchen; provide assistance for the development of rural based business incubators in the Cape Fear RC&D area; work with Pender County Planning to expand the Stewardship Development Awards Program to include at least one application for Pender County; and provide technical assistance to the County in the areas of surface water management, water quality and preservation of prime and important farmland.

Total FY07-08 County Funding Requested: \$9,000 Total FY07-08 County Funding Recommended: \$3,000 Total FY07-08 Agency Budget: \$109,000

THE CAROUSEL CENTER, INC.

DESCRIPTION: Since January 2000, The Carousel Center has provided child medical examinations, case management, and therapy services to 175 Pender County child-victims of sexual and physical abuse. The Center provides on-site forensic medical, forensic interviewing, therapy services, and case management to any child victim of sexual and physical abuse. The Center serves eight counties: Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, and Robeson.

USE OF COUNTY FUNDS: Pender County funds will be designated for case management expenses (salaries) during FY 2007-08. Critical case management services are non-reimbursable from Medicaid or private insurance.

SERVICES: In FY 06-07 the Center: provided services to 15 Pender County children; saw 153 new clients the first two quarters of FY 2007; in FY 2006, saw a 43% increase in donations from FY 2005, which constituted a 31% increase in total revenue, thus requiring the Center to depend less on grants for its overall funding; and increased its partnership efforts with local law enforcement agencies and District Attorneys' offices. In FY 07-08 the Center will: Project Hope-Expanded will assist child victims of sexual and/or physical abuse; provide 575 therapy sessions to victims of child abuse; provide mental health therapy services at appointment times that minimize the disruption of school hours; provide case management services and referrals to child abuse victims and their families; and identify and design a long-term social services continuum-of-care plan for each child abuse victim.

Total FY07-08 County Funding Requested: \$5,000 Total FY07-08 County Funding Recommended: \$5,000 Total FY07-08 Agency Budget: \$525,000