

THE CASWELL CENTER

DESCRIPTION: Caswell Center is a state residential facility serving as North Carolina's Eastern Region resource center, and provides specialized residential, programmatic and support service for people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. The Volunteer Services Department at the Center coordinates and implements programs and projects that enhance the quality of life for the 434 individuals who live at the Center, and delivers support services to individuals who are discharged to lesser restrictive setting in the community.

USE OF COUNTY FUNDS: Pender County funds will be used to support the 2007 Operation Santa Claus Project. Gifts will be purchased for 9 Pender County residents who reside at the Center (valued at \$30 each).

SERVICES: In FY 06-07 the Center: surveyed and re-certified for providing quality 24-hour care for the people that live at the Center; held successful Aging Conference to train staff to better care for aging population; achieved improved public recognition of the Caswell Foundation; opened a new residential area for a specialize population that requires unique care; and broadened the scope of volunteer opportunities and increased services to the residents. In FY 07-08 the Center will: develop a comprehensive plan to market Caswell Center, its services, and products that the individuals create; develop an "Ambassador Program" that will be used throughout the Eastern Region; continue downsizing efforts as mandated by the Department of Health & Human Services; continue renovations of living areas on campus; and access new funding by grant development and fundraising campaigns for targeted projects.

Total FY07-08 County Funding Requested: \$270 Total FY07-08 County Funding Recommended: \$270 Total FY07-08 Agency Budget: \$ Not Provided

LOWER CAPE FEAR RIVER PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION: The Lower Cape Fear River Program is a research and monitoring program supported by local industry and other local and state government funding. It is located at the UNCW Center for Marine Science. The purpose of the program is to provide scientific information to better understand the processes that determine the environmental conditions that exist in the river, including the Black and Northeast River Watersheds. This information is necessary to protect the river while maintaining sustainable economic development.

USE OF COUNTY FUNDS: Pender County funds will be used for personnel expenses.

SERVICES: The Program will continue the instream monitoring program for biological, chemical, and physical indicators. There are 35 instream stations monitored on a monthly basis. These stations assess the inputs of both point and non-point sources. The instream monitoring program exists as a result of a Memorandum of Agreement between nineteen municipal and industrial dischargers and the NC Department of Environment. These dischargers are allowed to cease their individual instream monitoring when they join the Lower Cape Fear River Program. The Program will also perform studies of sediment contamination, and in addition to the water quality monitoring, the comprehensive research program has been expanded to include fisheries, pfiesteria, storm events, and benthic populations. Samples are taken from 35 instream monitoring sites in the Lower Cape Fear River Basin on a monthly basis and tested for a number of parameters, including metals and biological factors, in order to assess water quality in the river and estuary. In addition to the water quality monitoring, the comprehensive research program has been expanded to include fisheries, pfiesteria, storm events, and benthic populations. The program committees and Advisory Board meets regularly. All of the citizens of Pender County are served by the project.

Total FY07-08 County Funding Requested: \$8,000 Total FY07-08 County Funding Recommended: \$8,000 Total FY06-07 Agency Budget: \$167,237