

**MOTION:**

**May 4, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
Res. No. 21-**

**SECOND:**

**RE:           RATIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM'S CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES TO DELINEATE AND PRESERVE THE BEREA CEMETERY AND ACCEPT, BUDGET, AND APPROPRIATE UP TO \$31,000 CONTINGENT UPON THE GRANT AWARD – POTOMAC MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

**ACTION:**

**WHEREAS**, staff has identified Certified Local Government (CLG) grants administered by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VHDR) as an appropriate funding source to fund County historic preservation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Prince William County is a CLG in good standing and is therefore eligible to receive grant funding through the CLG program; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2021, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (DPRT) staff submitted a CLG grant application for \$31,000 to fund delineation and preservation work at Berea Cemetery located at Forest Greens Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Berea Cemetery is a cultural resource eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, the total project cost is \$67,500, and includes in-kind services by DPRT staff valued at \$21,500 and a cash match of \$15,000 from Capital Maintenance funds that will provide a 54% match; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application was endorsed via resolution, by the Historic Commission and Architectural Review Board on March 9, 2021, and March 10, 2021, respectively;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby ratifies the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism's Certified Local Government grant application and accepts, budgets, and appropriates up to \$31,000 contingent upon the grant award to delineate and preserve the Berea Cemetery;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department Director to execute such documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution as reviewed and approved as to form by the County Attorney's Office;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of Finance to re-appropriate all unexpended amounts specific to this request to the next fiscal year.

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**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

**Absent from Meeting:**

**ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Clerk to the Board**



# STAFF REPORT

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	May 4, 2021
<b>Agenda Title:</b>	Ratify the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism’s Certified Local Government Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to Delineate and Preserve the Berea Cemetery and Accept, Budget, and Appropriate up to \$31,000 Contingent Upon the Grant Award
<b>District Impact:</b>	Potomac Magisterial District
<b>Requested Action:</b>	Authorize submission of grant application.
<b>Department / Agency Lead:</b>	Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism
<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Seth Hendler-Voss, Director

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (DPRT) is seeking Prince William Board of County Supervisors’ (Board) approval to apply for a 2021 Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) Certified Local Government (CLG) grant in the amount of \$31,000 to conduct an archaeological investigation and subsequent cemetery restoration at the Berea Cemetery.

It is the recommendation of staff that the Board ratify DPRT’s CLG grant application to the VDHR to delineate and preserve the Berea Cemetery and accept, budget, and appropriate up to \$31,000 contingent upon the grant award.

## **BACKGROUND**

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The VDHR manages the CLG grant program for which Prince William County is eligible. CLG grants require a 30% minimum local match. In 2012, the County's Office of Historic Preservation received a CLG grant for the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park Archaeological Survey.

On March 31, 2021, DRPT applied for a \$31,000 CLG grant to delineate and preserve the Berea Cemetery located at Forest Greens Park. The large 18th century farm Barea Farm was owned by Robert Carter III. His daughter, Sophia Carter, inherited the farm and lived there until her death in 1832. She never married and donated funds to establish the Female Charity School for Women in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The current cemetery contains her remains and most likely the remains of the enslaved work force that maintained the farm. The Berea Cemetery is a cultural resource eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

On March 9, 2021, the Historic Commission passed a resolution to recommend the Board support the CLG grant submission. On March 10, 2021, the Architectural Review Board passed a resolution to recommend the Board support the CLG grant submission.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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It is the recommendation of staff that the Board ratify DPRT's CLG grant application to the VDHR to delineate and preserve the Berea Cemetery and accept, budget, and appropriate up to \$31,000 contingent upon the grant award.

### **Service Level / Policy Impact**

The grant will support the historic preservation and public interpretation of Prince William County's diverse historical heritage.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The grant application request is \$31,000. The total project cost is \$67,500. In-kind services by DPRT staff valued at \$21,500 and a cash match of \$15,000 from maintenance funds in Parks operating budget will provide a 54% match. The project will not require additional operating funds, any minor maintenance for tree fall or vegetation clearing would be performed by Historic Properties staff and/or volunteers.

### **Timing Impact**

If awarded, the funds will be available at the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. Funds not spent in FY21 will be carried over to FY22.

### **Legal Impact**

The Board has the legal authority to apply for grants and is not legally obligated to ratify the grant application or accept any awarded funds.

## **STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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- Historical Commission Resolution
- Architectural Review Board Resolution

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION RESOLUTION**

**MOTION: PEARSALL**

**March 9, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
Res. No. 21-016**

**SECOND: MOSER**

**RE: RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS SUPPORT THE SUBMISSION OF A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BERA CEMETERY IDENTIFICATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Supervisors established the Historical Commission to advise and assist in efforts to identify, preserve, protect and promote historical and cultural resources and the history of Prince William County; and

**WHEREAS**, Certified Local Government grants administered by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources have been identified to assist in funding projects in Prince William County; and

**WHEREAS**, a Certified Local Government grant is being sought to fund an Identification and Restoration Project at Bera Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William County Architectural Review Board is the Certified Local Government body for Prince William County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William County Architectural Review Board endorses the Certified Local Government grant application for an Identification and Restoration Project at Bera Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William County Historical Commission believes that the identification, preservation, protection and promotion of the history of Prince William County is well served by this action;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Prince William County Historical Commission does hereby recommend the Board of County Supervisors support the submission of a Certified Local Government grant application for the Bera Cemetery Identification and Restoration Project.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:** by acclamation

**Nays:** None

**Absent from Vote:** None

**Absent from Meeting:** Davis, Shockley, Spinks

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Secretary to the Commission**

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD RESOLUTION**

**MOTION: PICKENS**

**March 10, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
Res. No. 21-006**

**SECOND: GARCIA**

**RE: RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS SUPPORT THE SUBMISSION OF A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BERA CEMETERY IDENTIFICATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors appointed the Prince William County Architectural Review Board to serve as advisor regarding the preservation and protection of local cultural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Architectural Review Board is the Certified Local Government body for Prince William County; and

**WHEREAS**, Certified Local Government grants administered by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources have been identified to assist in funding projects in Prince William County; and

**WHEREAS**, a Certified Local Government grant is being sought to fund an Identification and Restoration Project at Bera Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William County Architectural Review Board endorses the Certified Local Government grant application for an Identification and Restoration Project at Bera Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prince William County Architectural Review Board believes that the preservation and protection of cultural resources in Prince William County is well served by this action;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Prince William County Architectural Review Board does hereby recommend the Board of County Supervisors support the submission of a Certified Local Government grant application for the Bera Cemetery Identification and Restoration Project.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:** by acclamation

**Nays:** None

**Absent from Vote:** None

**Absent from Meeting:** Howard, Long, Thurman

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary to the Board**