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**MEMORANDUM**

<b>TO:</b>	Greene County Board of Supervisors
<b>FROM:</b>	Terry Beigie, Grant Writer
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	FY2027 Community Project Funding Application
<b>DATE:</b>	March 3, 2026

**Recommended action:**

**Approve the attached resolution to support the FY 2027 Congressional Community Project Funding application for the purchase of a heavy-duty lift for Vehicle Maintenance.**

**Background:**

Congressman Eugene Vindman is our elected VA-07 District Representative and has requested submittals for Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2027. To be eligible, projects must be sponsored by local or state government entities or nonprofit organizations and must be projects that would otherwise meet the qualifications to apply for competitive Federal grant funding from the appropriation. These project awards are federal grants but must be made by a Congressional office. For Fiscal Year 2027 Members of Congress are allowed to submit 15 requests but there is no guarantee on how many of those will get funded. Requested projects must have a “Federal nexus” tied to a Federal Authorization Law. It is our belief that the requested project meets that requirement.

The purpose of Community Project Funding is to ensure direct local engagement as part of the Federal appropriations process. Greene County has submitted projects and three have been awarded in the past: safety improvements to the park, a simulation for the Sheriff's Office, and Stanardsville Water Main Improvements.

We believe the Federal nexus is the Rural Development Grant Program through the Department of Agriculture. Eligible projects include grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses, such as Town Halls, Police, Fire and EMS departments, and public works vehicles. There is likely to be a 25% cost match requirement for this grant. The estimated cost of the project is \$150,130.83. Due to the size and weight requirements of our school buses and county fleet vehicles, our current lifting equipment no longer sufficiently supports operational demands. The increasing volume and service needs of these larger vehicles require equipment that is specifically rated to handle heavy-duty applications safely and efficiently.

The Congressman's office will have the final say on what projects they submit, and I will continue to work closely with them to present the best projects we can. We are requesting the Board approve the resolution in support of the project and permit the filing of the application for the Community Project Funding under the Agriculture Rural Development appropriation.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION FOR THE FY27 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Greene County Vehicle Maintenance needs to replace its heavy-duty lift; and

WHEREAS, the facility houses only two 50,000 pound capacity lifts; and

WHEREAS, the facility performs work on school buses and other large county fleet vehicles, as well as some for the volunteer fire departments; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the new lift is estimated to cost \$150,130.83; and

WHEREAS, the County does not have the funding available for this project within the Fiscal Year 2027 budget; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Eugene Vindman is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2027 Community Project Funding; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Community Project Funding is to ensure direct, local engagement as part of the Federal appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, projects must have a Federal nexus tied to a Federal authorization law; and

WHEREAS, this project request falls into the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Community Facilities Grants program; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the project funding, the County will need to meet a cost-share of at least 25%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia, this project has support from the Council and the community at large and an application may be submitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia, that the County Administrator may submit the application for this project.

Adopted this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Motion:

Second:

Recorded Vote:

Steve Catalano \_\_\_\_\_

Marie Durrer \_\_\_\_\_

Tim Goolsby \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew Hartung \_\_\_\_\_

Davis Lamb \_\_\_\_\_

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Steve Catalano, Chair  
Greene County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Schafrik, Clerk  
Greene County Board of Supervisors