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Grants to Hertford total \$16.6M over past 2 years

Most of money for flood mitigation, water-sewer

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HERTFORD — The town of Hertford has netted some \$16.6 million in grant funding over the past two years and has numerous other grant applications pending.



Cole

amounts of those grants, what they were for, and when they were awarded.

Town Manager Janice Cole reviewed a spreadsheet on grants with the town council earlier this week. The document showed the sources and

The grant funding is mostly for water and sewer infrastructure and flood mitigation work. The three largest of the grants are N.C. Department of Environmental Quality State Revolving Fund Program Viable Utility Reserve grants.

Three separate grants totaling \$14,996,290 are for sewer infrastructure, water treatment plant improvements, and water line

replacements. Water and sewer infrastructure has been widely acknowledged as a critical need in the town.

Work on those projects is ongoing, and the grant term ends Dec. 31, 2026.

The town has applied for a \$132,000 climate risk assessment grant from the federal Emergency Management Administration, which would require a local match

of 12% or \$18,000. That application is pending.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded the town two SEARCH grants totaling \$60,000 for water and sewer preliminary engineering studies. SEARCH stands for Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households.

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Remembering Collin



Ken and Holly Winslow hold a memorial plaque commemorating their son Collin "Snap" Winslow at Perquimans Central School, Tuesday. More than \$120,000 to support education in Perquimans County has been raised in memory of Collin Winslow, a Perquimans County High School student who died in a hunting accident last spring.

\$123K raised in memory of PCHS student

Money will fund \$2.5K scholarship, classroom grants

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More than \$120,000 to support education in Perquimans County has been raised in memory of Collin "Snap" Winslow, a Perquimans County High School student who died in a hunting accident last spring. As of Tuesday the fund

established in Collin's memory totaled \$123,110.19.

"The world is in a bad place right now, but we are in the best place in the world right here," Collin's dad, Ken Winslow, said in an interview Tuesday at Perquimans Central School, where his wife Holly is an assistant principal.

The couple said they have been inspired by all the support they have experienced from the community since their son's death, as well as support that has come from

farther away and from people they have never even met.

"We just wanted to give back to the community because the community has wrapped its arms around us," Holly said.

Ken said it has become clear to him that God has brought good out of a bad situation. That good includes a scholarship established in Collin's memory and also a mini-grant program set up for teachers in the Perquimans County Schools.

The grants will be for a

maximum of \$2,500 and will be for projects designed to support student achievement.

Brenda Lassiter, executive director of the Perquimans County Schools Foundation, said the Winslows wanted the memorial contributions to touch as many students as possible. For that reason they wanted the fund to go toward grants at all the schools in addition to the college scholarship that will benefit a local student.

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DSS seeks more workers as Medicaid expansion nears

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Perquimans County social services administrators said this week they will need four additional Medicaid caseworkers as Medicaid expansion begins Dec. 1.

The positions are not included in the 2023-24 Perquimans County budget, so the county commissioners will have to decide whether to fund the county portion of the workers' salaries. After reimbursement by the state for part of those salaries, the county's cost on an annual basis is expected to be about \$49,000.

The commissioners plan to discuss the funding request and possibly act on it at the board's Nov. 6 meeting.

Two additional



Jordan

Medicaid workers were added to the Perquimans Department of Social Services in the current county budget.

But Social Services Director Angela Jordan told commissioners at their work session Monday night that four additional Medicaid workers will be needed as the department expects to add as many as 1,200 additional Medicaid recipients by the time this fiscal year ends at the close of June 2024.

Social services administrators estimate that by the end of 2025, the number of new Medicaid recipients in Perquimans County could be 2,400 or more.

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Edenton's Buckhout to run for Congress

FROM STAFF REPORTS

EDENTON — Retired U.S. Army combat commander and Edenton resident Laurie Buckhout announced Monday morning she is seeking the Republican nomination for Congress in the 1st Congressional District.

Buckhout also announced that she is contributing \$1 million of her own money to her campaign.

Buckhout joins what is expected to a crowded GOP field trying to unseat incumbent Congressman Don Davis, a Democrat



Buckhout

who was elected to the 19-county seat in 2022. Besides Buckhout's home county of Chowan, the district also includes Pasquotank and Perquimans counties.

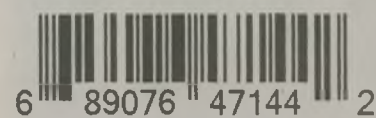
Buckhout said in a press release that she is running for Congress to continue her lifelong commitment to public service, saying the country is at a crossroads.

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Man had 'hundreds' of child sex images

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HERTFORD — A Hertford man remains in



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custody at Albemarle District Jail charged with possession of what one law enforcement official estimated were



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Perquimans preps for 2024 revaluation

Commission also sells 4 more acres to East Coast Steel

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Perquimans County officials are preparing for the revaluation of property in 2024.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners on Monday voted to schedule

a public hearing for Nov. 6 on the schedules, standards, and rules to be used in the 2024 revaluation.

Renee McGinnis of Piner Appraisal made a presentation to the board, explaining that the appraisal firm has been reviewing property sales over the past few months in order to develop the proposed schedule of values.

The main increase she is noticing is for "improved

residential properties," she said.

If a property owner wishes to question their appraised value, "we handle the informal appeals," McGinnis said. "Anyone who chooses to go beyond us will come before you as the Board of Equalization and Review."

In another matter, the board agreed to a \$35,000 price for selling about four acres to East Coast Steel.

The tract is adjacent to property the company already owns off Granby Street in the Commerce Centre.

A public hearing on the sale will be scheduled for the board's Nov. 6 meeting.

Commissioner Tim Corporeau said that given the location and configuration of the property within the commerce park, "it's a win for us as far as I'm concerned."