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Mayor Parnian Secures \$1.2 Million in Federal Funding for Holly Ridge Community Center Expansion with the Help of Congressman Murphy

HOLLY RIDGE, NC — The Town of Holly Ridge is proud to announce the award of \$1.2 million in direct federal funding for the expansion of the Holly Ridge Community Center. This critical investment, secured through the strong support and advocacy of Congressman Greg Murphy (NC-03), was included in the FY2025 federal appropriations package and marks a major milestone for the town.

This funding will allow Holly Ridge to expand and enhance its existing Community Center, creating additional space for youth programs, senior services, public events, and emergency operations—ensuring the facility can meet the diverse and growing needs of the town’s residents.

Following multiple Master Municipal Park Plan public input sessions and the submission of many surveys, Mayor Parnian made it clear that he was willing to listen to the citizens—and he did. When citizens spoke up about the need for more recreational space, gathering areas, and improved community services, he listened. This project is a direct reflection of what the community asked for—and what strong, responsive leadership can deliver.

“This funding reflects the voice of our residents,” said Mayor Parnian. “We heard loud and clear during the public engagement process that Holly Ridge wants a vibrant, accessible, and well-equipped community center. I’m incredibly proud that we’re turning that vision into reality. I want to thank Congressman Murphy for standing with our town and helping us move forward.”

While Phase 1 of the Municipal Park Plan has already been approved and is moving forward, the Holly Ridge Town Council will convene to discuss this newly developed funding opportunity and how it aligns with the broader vision for the Community Center. This marks the first step in a series of many to bring the project to life. Future phases will include the development of conceptual designs, as well as the issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from qualified contractors. The Town remains committed to ensuring the process is deliberate, transparent, and reflective of the community’s long-term needs.