

**Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with
Town of Black Mountain for Funding of Riverwalk Greenway Federal
Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant Match**

WHEREAS, Buncombe County has been a destination for outdoor enthusiasts who have enjoyed the region's trails and outdoor recreation for more than a century;

WHEREAS, all of Buncombe County is experiencing a growing expectation for facilities that provide for movement of pedestrians and bicyclists, not just for recreational purposes but for transportation, running errands, relieving stress and offsetting the effects of obesity, attracting new businesses, and making communities more livable and marketable;

WHEREAS, Black Mountain believes that the completion of a section of a greenway and park system along Flat Creek and the Swannanoa River (said section hereinafter referred to as the "Riverwalk Greenway") will enhance property values, encourage investment, and improve the lives of its citizens;

WHEREAS, Black Mountain has worked through a variety of funding sources to generate funding for the Riverwalk Greenway including the Metropolitan Planning Organization via the Federal Highway Administration's Surface Transportation Block Grant;

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed that Black Mountain shall be responsible for ensuring that the design and construction of the Riverwalk Greenway conforms to the programming needs as identified by relevant grants, including the Federal Highway Administration's Surface Transportation Block Grant, and that County shall only be responsible for providing funding as outlined below, subject to budget constraints.

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. §160A-461 allows units of local government to enter into agreements to execute such an undertaking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That it hereby authorizes the payment of \$133,000 to satisfy the grant match for Fiscal Year 2019 for Funding of Riverwalk Greenway Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant Match.

2. That it hereby authorizes the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Town of Black Mountain for Funding of Riverwalk Greenway Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant Match.
3. That, by and with the consent of the County Legal Department, County staff is hereby instructed to proceed with this undertaking and all acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.
4. That the Chairman and County Manager, or either of them, or their designee, are hereby authorized to execute such documents as may be required to effect the purposes and intents of this resolution and to interview prospective law firms that respond to the aforementioned Request for Information.
5. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the ____ of _____, 2019.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney