

Resolution #: _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO COOPERATE WITH EAST FORK POTTERY, LLC AND
PARTICIPATE IN THE NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUILDING REUSE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, East Fork Pottery, LLC, is a North Carolina limited liability company, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "East Fork") is a local firm that designs, manufactures, and sells thoughtful, durable ceramic dishware in Buncombe County;

WHEREAS, East Fork currently employs 100 people and makes and sells contemporary ceramic dinnerware made by hand with regional materials and a lot of integrity;

WHEREAS, East Fork is planning to implement renovations and improvements to an existing facilities located at 15 W. Walnut Street, 531 Short McDowell Street and 144 Caribou Road in Asheville (the "Facility") as an integral piece of its plans to invest over \$2.8 million and creating 50 new full-time project related jobs that pay an average wage of \$22.46/hour, not including benefits, in the County (the "Project");

WHEREAS, in parallel with East Fork's request that the County provide economic development incentives to induce it to make these capital investments and to create these new full-time project related jobs at the Facility, East Fork has been negotiating with the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Infrastructure Authority for a Building Reuse Grant in the amount of \$300,000 for general purposes related to the preservation of the Facility and the creation and retention of jobs in the course of completing the renovations and construction;

WHEREAS, the Building Reuse Grant Program requires a local government host to apply for such a grant and act as guarantor for completion of projects and distribution of grant funds;

WHEREAS, East Fork has requested the assistance of Buncombe County to obtain this funding;
and

WHEREAS, this Board is of the opinion that it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of Buncombe County to facilitate this Building Reuse Grant for the Project.

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

1. The Recitals set forth above, along with the definitions of certain terms, are incorporated herein by reference as if fully restated.
2. The Chairman and County Manager, or either of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute an application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Infrastructure Authority for a Building Reuse Grant in the amount of \$300,000 for the East fork Project as described above provided that no County funds are pledged or appropriated without separate and express authority of this Board.

3. The Chairman and County Manager, or either of them, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents, which they, in their discretion, deem necessary and appropriate in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, except that none of the above shall be authorized or empowered to do anything or execute any document which is in contravention, in any way, of the specific provisions of this Resolution.
4. 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.
5. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

This the 13th of July, 2021.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney

Exhibit A

See attached Economic Development Agreement