

Resolution #: _____

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**

WHEREAS, during each fiscal year budget cycle Buncombe County receives many requests from nonprofits for programs such as community development, housing, mental health, the arts as well as economic development;

WHEREAS, after careful review of well over one hundred nonprofit funding requests, this Board deems it in the best interests of the citizens and residents of Buncombe County to fund five (5) nonprofit programs that are within the economic development framework intended to increase taxable property, promote agricultural industries, employment, industrial output, or business prospects of the County;

WHEREAS, appropriations and and expenditures are proposed to the following entities:

- to Carolina Small Business Development Fund of not to exceed \$17,500 to support small businesses through one-on-one coaching and workshops tailored to the needs of local entrepreneurs through the Western Women’s Business Center;
- to CityWorks USA of not to exceed \$47,500 to support small businesses through a business incubator program with a mission to help people turn their ideas into reality and build a supportive community for local Black entrepreneurs to scale their business by assisting them to secure state incorporation, providing financial literacy coaching, and connecting them with partners for business opportunities;
- to Mountain BizWorks of not to exceed \$52,000 to grow diverse small businesses and jobs in Buncombe County through an Opportunity Entrepreneur in Residence program;
- to the Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission of not to exceed \$45,000 to fund activities related to the expansion of recruitment of regional sports tourism events and tournaments; and
- to the Asheville-Buncombe County Economic Development Coalition of not to exceed \$450,000 to fund activities related to the expansion of industry and recruitment of new industry in Buncombe County;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §158-7.1, a county must hold a public hearing for any appropriation or expenditure for economic development purposes;

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners has organized the holding of a public hearing at the Board’s July 19, 2022 regular meeting to discuss making these appropriations and expenditures;

WHEREAS, these appropriations and expenditures to these nonprofits for Fiscal Year 2023 will enhance taxable property, employment, industrial output, and business prospects for Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with GS §14-234.3 and as approved by the Board, Commissioner Edwards was recused from voting on any appropriation to the Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission and Commissioner Whitesides was recused from voting on any appropriation to the Asheville-Buncombe County Economic Development Coalition.

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

1. The Board of Commissioners approves appropriating and spending from the County's general fund amounts to make cash grants totaling \$612,000, as follows:

Appropriations to:

- to Carolina Small Business Development Fund of not to exceed \$17,500;
- to CityWorks USA of not to exceed \$47,500; and
- to Mountain BizWorks of not to exceed \$52,000;

Approved by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against.

Appropriation to:

- to the Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission of not to exceed \$45,000;

Approved by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against (Commissioner Edwards was recused)

Appropriation to:

- to the Asheville-Buncombe County Economic Development Coalition of not to exceed \$450,000;

Approved by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against (Commissioner Whitesides was recused).

2. That this Board finds and determines that these appropriations and expenditures to these nonprofits for Fiscal Year 2023 will further the economic interests of the County in numerous ways by creating a mechanism to increase and maintain the population, taxable property, employment, industrial output, and small business prospects in Buncombe County.

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 19th of July, 2022.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney