A RESOLUTION TO PARTNER WITH WARREN WILSON COLLEGE, FERN LEAF, AND SWANNANOA GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE IN APPLYING FOR THE CLIMATE RESILIENCE FUND'S COMMUNITY-BASED CLIMATE SERVICES INITIATIVE GRANT

Resolution: R-25-04

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain recognizes the increasing risks posed by climate change, including extreme weather events, flooding, and other environmental and socioeconomic challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Resilience Fund's (CRF) Community-Based Climate Services Initiative (CSCI) is accepting grant applications to support communities in accelerating climate resilience planning and implementation; and

WHEREAS, this grant opportunity provides funding, training, and technical support to advance activities such as risk assessments, community engagement, project prioritization, and initial implementation over a twelve-month period; and

WHEREAS, eligibility for this grant requires a collaborative application submitted by a local government and a community-based organization, working in partnership with an adaptation professional; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain seeks to strengthen its commitment to sustainability, climate resilience, and environmental stewardship by partnering with community based partner Warren Wilson College, resiliency professional leads at Fern Leaf, and Swannanoa Grassroots Alliance in the application process for this grant; and

WHEREAS, participation in this grant program aligns with the Town of Black Mountain's goals to enhance climate resilience, protect public health and safety, and foster sustainable development for the benefit of current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain that:

1. The Town of Black Mountain formally commits to partnering with Warren Wilson College, Fern Leaf, and Swannanoa Grassroots Alliance in the application process for the Climate Resilience Fund's Community-Based Climate Services Initiative grant.
2. The Town of Black Mountain designates Jessica Trotman, Assistant Town Manager, as the primary representative to coordinate with project partners and oversee the Town's involvement in the grant application and implementation process.
3. The Town of Black Mountain will support the collaborative efforts of the partners in conducting risk assessments, engaging the community, prioritizing projects, and implementing resilience strategies.

4. The Town of Black Mountain will work in good faith with the designated adaptation professional to ensure compliance with the grant's requirements and maximize the benefits to the community.
5. The Town Manager is authorized to take all necessary actions to support the submission of the grant application and, if awarded, to implement the grant in accordance with its terms.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2024, by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain.

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C. Michael Sobol
Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker
Town Clerk