RESOLUTION
TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY DISASTER RESPONSE FUND (EDRF) FOR DR. JOHN WILSON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Resolution #R-25-10

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina (CFWNC) provides grants and works with fundholders to support promising projects across 18 counties in Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency and Disaster Response Fund (EDRF) through the CFWNC responds to immediate or urgent needs that unexpectedly arise in the 18-county service area; and

WHEREAS, since Hurricane Helene affected Western North Carolina, EDRF has been funding organizations providing emergency relief or recovery services; and

WHEREAS, applicants who apply to the EDRF must meet certain eligibility requirements which include 1) being a community-based nonprofit designated by the IRS as 501(c)(3), faith-based organization, or a public agency, 2) sustained direct facility damage, have been displaced, or require equipment replacement, facility repairs or remediation, or whose project and mission address:

- temporary housing, home repair or remediation
- water quality assessments or improvements
- debris removal
- stream restoration
- invasive species or forest management (including trail remediation)
- conservation stewardship
- community garden or farm remediation needed for the spring 2025 planting season
- native species restoration ; and

WHEREAS, grants up to $50,000 from the EDRF may be awarded to eligible organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Dr. John Wilson Community Garden (Garden), wishes to apply for funding through the EDRF fund for the garden's irrigation well project which will allow for a clean, safer water source to be used to irrigate the gardens in lieu of using irrigating water from the Swannanoa River which has contained high levels of E. coli, primarily following the aftermath of Hurricane Helene; and

WHEREAS, a well water source for garden irrigation will prove to be a low-maintenance source of high-quality, safe irrigation that could deliver enough water for the entire Garden irrigation and allow for normal operations to continue at the Garden.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Black Mountain Town Council approve town staff pursuing the application to CFWNC for the Emergency Disaster Response Fund (EDRF) for the Dr. John Wilson Community Garden's irrigation well project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs the Town Manager, or his designee, to execute any grant application paperwork that may be required to submit this funding request.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, by a vote of ____ to ____ on this 10th day of March 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk