Economic Development Grant Opportunities

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Grant Opportunity and Request

N.C. Commerce – Economic Development Grant

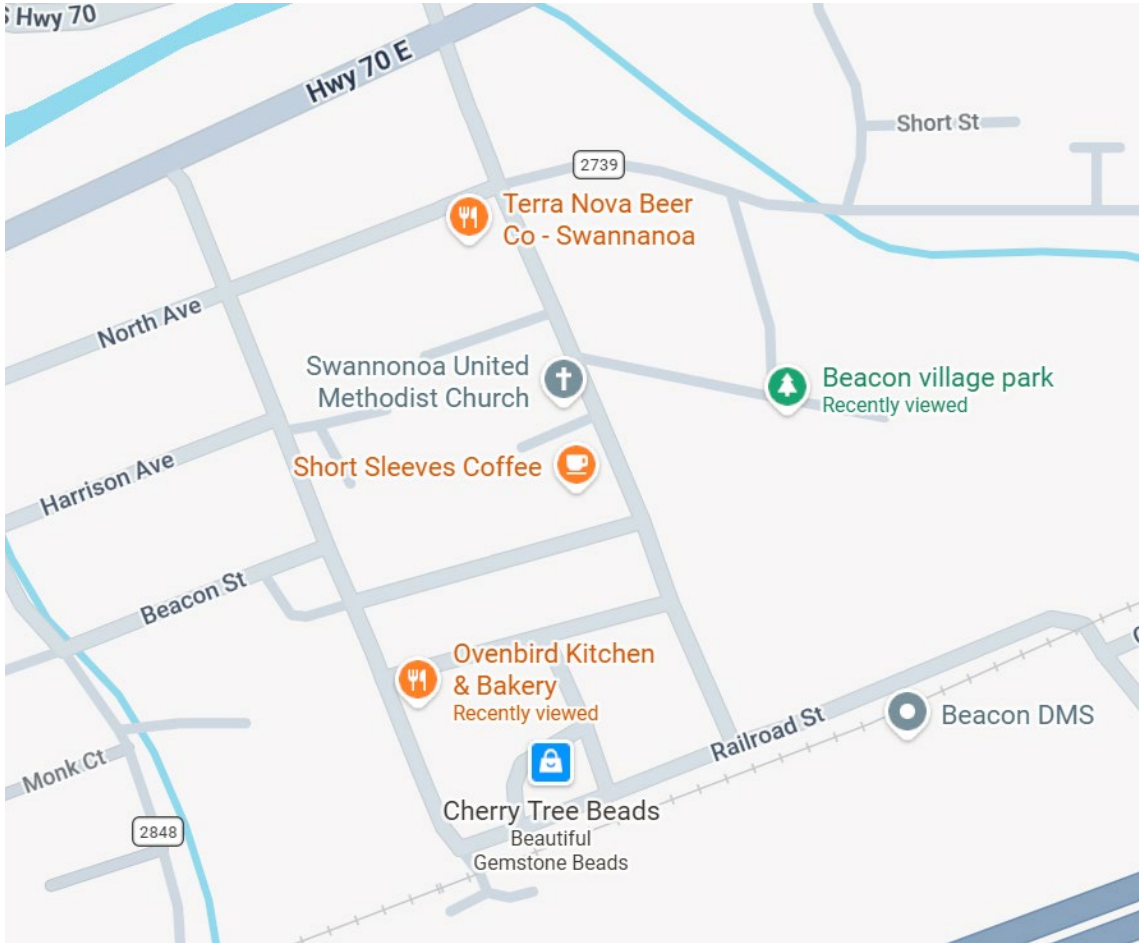
- Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program

Requests for Board Action

- Authorize County Manager to submit grant application to the Small Business Infrastructure program for the Swannanoa Sidewalks #1 project
- Authorize County Manager to submit grant application to the Small Business Infrastructure program for the Swannanoa Sidewalks #2 project

Small Business Infrastructure Grant

- NC Commerce Helene Recovery Grant Opportunity
  - $1M project cap, $5.5M total award cap per County
- Buncombe County Applications
  - First Application: **$979K awarded** for Whitson Ave
  - Second Application: *pending* for Railroad St sidewalk repairs



Next Steps and Request

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- Submit second SmBiz grant application
- Continue to work with NC Commerce on grant agreement for Sidewalks Project

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