____ made a motion to approve the following resolution. A vote of ___ in favor.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ON-CALL CONTRACTS FOR GRANT WRITING AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Resolution #: R-25-45

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain continues to respond to the impacts of Tropical Storm Helene and is pursuing long-term recovery and resilience initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the number and complexity of available state and federal grant opportunities have increased significantly in the wake of the storm, requiring additional capacity to pursue, manage, and implement these funding opportunities effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Town issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking qualified firms to provide grant writing and consulting services to support recovery and resilience efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Town received seven (7) responses from highly qualified firms, each demonstrating unique strengths and specialized experience beneficial to the Town's grant activities; and

WHEREAS, the following firms responded to the RFQ and are recommended for on-call contracting:

- ASI
- McGill
- Raftelis
- McAdams
- GTC 360
- CRCS
- Catalyst Project Development; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends entering into on-call agreements with each of the seven firms, with a not-to-exceed amount of $20,000 per firm, to allow the Town to efficiently match projects with the appropriate expertise, respond quickly to time-sensitive funding opportunities, and enhance the competitiveness of grant applications; and

WHEREAS, most costs associated with these contracts are expected to be offset by administrative overhead allowed within grant awards, thereby minimizing fiscal impact to the Town; and

WHEREAS, this structure provides the Town with the flexibility and responsiveness necessary to advance strategic recovery and development goals in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Helene.

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

1. The Town Manager, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute on-call agreements with each of the seven firms named above for grant writing and consulting services, with a not-to-exceed amount of $20,000 per firm.
2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this the 11th day of August, 2025.

ATTEST:

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk