Council Member ___ made a motion to approve the following resolution. A vote of __.

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL 2025 – READINESS PATHWAY PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT RECOVERY STAFFING AND CONSULTING Services

Resolution #: R-25-51

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain ("Town") sustained significant damages and community impacts from Tropical Storm Helene, requiring long-term recovery and resilience efforts that extend beyond the Town's current staff capacity; and

WHEREAS, effective disaster recovery requires dedicated staffing and technical consulting support to manage federal and state disaster assistance programs, coordinate mitigation and resiliency projects, ensure compliance with federal requirements, and engage the community in recovery priorities; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) has announced the Disaster Supplemental 2025 (DS25) *Readiness Pathway Program* to support communities in disaster recovery, capacity building, and resilience planning; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to submit an application under the DS25 Readiness Pathway Program to fund recovery staffing and consulting support to strengthen the Town's ability to navigate complex recovery programs, maximize federal and state investments, and build long-term resilience; and

WHEREAS, the EDA program requires a local match as a condition of funding, which the Town intends to pursue through philanthropic and other non-federal sources; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that securing EDA funding for recovery staffing and consulting support is essential to manage ongoing recovery effectively and position the Town for future resilience.

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

1. The Town authorizes submission of an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the Disaster Supplemental 2025 – Readiness Pathway Program for funding to support recovery staffing and consulting services.
2. The Town Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents, agreements, and certifications required in connection with the application and, if awarded, the administration of the EDA grant.

3. The Town affirms its commitment to secure the required local match from eligible non-federal sources, including philanthropic partnerships, to maximize the impact of federal funding.
4. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2025, by the Town Council of the Town of Black Mountain, North Carolina.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk