RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A DOGWOOD HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT THAT WOULD PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE TOWN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL 2025 (EDA DS25) READINESS PATHWAY PROGRAM

Resolution # R-25-51

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain ("Town") has sustained significant damages and community impacts from Tropical Storm Helene, creating urgent needs for long-term recovery, capacity building, and resilience planning; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), through its Disaster Supplemental 2025 (DS25) Notice of Funding Opportunity, has established a *Readiness Pathway Program* to support communities in disaster recovery and long-term resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to submit an application under the DS25 Readiness Pathway Program to fund critical recovery staffing and consulting support necessary to manage federal and state disaster programs, advance community recovery priorities, and build long-term resilience; and

WHEREAS, the EDA program requires a local match as a condition of funding; and

WHEREAS, Dogwood Health Foundation is a regional philanthropic partner dedicated to improving health and wellbeing in Western North Carolina through investments that address the social determinants of health, including community capacity, infrastructure, and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to apply for a grant from Dogwood Health Foundation to serve as the local matching funds required by EDA, thereby leveraging federal investment to secure professional staffing and consulting support for recovery management and capacity building; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that securing Dogwood Health Foundation support is essential to maximize federal recovery resources and accelerate the Town's ability to deliver long-term community benefit.

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

1. The Town authorizes submission of a grant application to Dogwood Health Foundation to request funds that will serve as the required local match for the Town's application to the EDA Disaster Supplemental 2025 – Readiness Pathway Program.
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 Dogwood Health Foundation grant.

3. The Town affirms its commitment to use any funds awarded by Dogwood Health Foundation exclusively for eligible costs associated with meeting EDA's local match requirements for recovery staffing and consulting support.
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