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

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN

AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR HELENE RECOVERY FUND FOR PARTF 2025-2026 FUNDING FOR ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COMBINED RESTROOM AND CONCESSION FACILITY AT VETERAN'S PARK

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-XX

WHEREAS, the Town of Black Mountain owns and operates Veteran's Park, a vital public recreation area that sustained severe flood damage during Tropical Storm Helene (DR-4827-NC); and

WHEREAS, the existing restroom and concession stand structures at Veteran's Park were substantially damaged by more than five feet of flood inundation, resulting in unsafe and noncompliant conditions; and

WHEREAS, both structures were located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and one is partially within the floodway, do not meet National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards, and are therefore ineligible for repair or replacement under FEMA Public Assistance (PA) rules; and

WHEREAS, replacement of these critical public facilities will restore essential recreational amenities, support youth sports programming, and promote safe, equitable park access for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks to construct a new combined restroom and concession facility within Veteran's Park that will:

- Be located within the 100YFP but fully comply with NFIP and local flood damage prevention ordinance requirements;
- Be covered by flood insurance to ensure long-term resilience and risk reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Town is applying for $350,000 of funding from the NC Helene Local Government Capital Grant Program and $100,000 of funding from the Goldenleaf Foundation to build an NFIP compliant restrooms and concession facility at Veteran's Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town plans to contribute an additional $50,000 toward the project from the Town's own Helene Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, this project is also be eligible for additional funding through the Helene Recovery Fund for PARTF (Parks and Recreation Trust Fund), which supports North Carolina local governments improving the quality of life for their communities through providing a 50% match in funding for approved parks and recreation infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the planning-level cost estimate for engineering and construction of the new combined facility is $1,000,000, inclusive of site design, structural engineering, utilities, and compliance with accessibility standards; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN THAT:

1. Town staff are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and submit an application to the appropriate state agency for Helene Recovery Fund for PARTF funding in the amount of $500,000.00 to support the engineering and construction of a new combined restroom and concession facility at Veteran's Park.
2. The Town Manager, or their designee, is authorized to execute all necessary documents, certifications, and assurances to complete the application process.
3. The Town Manager is further authorized to coordinate with the Planning Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and Finance Department to prepare detailed design and budget documentation consistent with grant requirements and NFIP compliance.
4. Upon award, the Town Council will consider a budget amendment to appropriate grant funds and any required local match.

Adopted this the 10th day of November 2025.

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C. Michael Sobol, Mayor

Attest:

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Wesley M. Barker, Town Clerk