EXHIBIT A

TASK ORDER AUTHORIZATION

Master Services Agreement for Grant Administration Services

Task Order No.: 001

Date: 10/1/2026

This Task Order is issued pursuant to the Master Services Agreement for Grant Administration Services ("Agreement") between the **Town of Black Mountain, NC** ("Town") and **Land of Sky Regional Council** ("Council"). All terms and conditions of the Agreement are incorporated herein by reference and shall govern this Task Order.

1. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: SRF Drinking Water Resiliency

Grant Program: DWSRF Helene

Funding Agency: DEQ

Grant Number (if applicable): SRF- D-HEL- 0012

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Town hereby authorizes the Council to provide grant administration services for the project identified above in accordance with the Master Services Agreement.

Project Description:

This Task Order authorizes Land of Sky Regional Council (LOSRC) to provide grant administration, project management, procurement support, financial management, and related professional services to the Town for the implementation of the following projects:

Project	**Not-to-Exceed Amount (USD)**
SRF Drinking Water Resiliency	$80,000.00
Total Not-to-Exceed Amount	**$80,000.00**

Services may include project coordination; grant and regulatory compliance; procurement and contract administration support; documentation and records management; review of contractor invoices and supporting documentation; preparation and submission of reimbursement requests; financial and performance reporting; coordination with funding agencies, consultants, contractors, and other project stakeholders; monitoring and audit support; and project closeout activities necessary to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

3. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Notice to Proceed Date: 10/1/2026

Completion Date: 4/1/2029

4. COMPENSATION

The Council shall be compensated on an **actual cost reimbursement basis** in accordance with the Master Services Agreement and the Schedule of Rates (Exhibit B).

The total compensation authorized under this Task Order shall **not exceed: $80,000.00**

Council shall submit invoices and supporting documentation in accordance with the Master Services Agreement.

5. AUTHORIZATION

This Task Order is effective upon execution by both parties.

TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC

By: _____

Name: Richard Hicks

Title: Interim Town Manager

Date: _____

LOSRC

By: _____

Name: Nathan Ramsey

Title: Executive Director

Date: _____

FISCAL PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, **N.C.G.S. § 159-28**.

By:

Finance Officer: Jay Copely

Date: _____