THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: October 13, 2020

Subject: Urban Sustainability Directors Network Collaborative Rapid Response Grant Funds

Staff Resource(s): Amber Weaver, Office of Sustainability

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept funding in the amount of $15,000 from Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) for the Office of Sustainability's Climate Justice Initiative, and a budget amendment in the amount of $15,000 to appropriate the funding in the City's Sustainability Fund.

Background:

- In January 2020 Asheville City Council declared a Climate Emergency by adopting Resolution 20-25.
- The adopted resolution acknowledges the urgent need to combat climate change, and the disproportionate impact of the climate crisis on low income communities and communities of color.
- Through this project, the City of Asheville's Office of Sustainability seeks to learn from the energy, cooperation, and proactivity of Asheville's Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) to guide climate equity planning and to shape the direction of the City's emerging Climate Justice Initiative.
- Grant funds will be utilized for Sustainability's Climate Justice Initiative outreach efforts to engage the community through story circles and photo art.
- Outreach efforts will include:
    - Story circle compensation, interpretation and translation,
    - Photovoice compensation and supplies,
    - Graphic note taking for final report, and
    - Creation of a semi permanent kiosk fabrication and translation.
- USDN Grant recipients are not required to provide a cash match.

Council Goal(s):

- An Equitable and Diverse Community
- A Clean and Healthy Environment
- A Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Helps support City's Climate Emergency Resolution while leveraging USDN funding

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- None; there is no required City match

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept funding from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network; and a budget amendment in the amount of $15,000 to appropriate the funding in the City's Sustainability Fund.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE URBAN SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTORS NETWORK FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE CITY'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION THROUGH THE CLIMATE JUSTICE INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A - 240.1 a city is authorized to acquire funds by grant and other methods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville is committed to addressing climate emergency and efforts to restore a safe climate ; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has an opportunity to support the City's Climate Justice Initiative and support Black, Indiginous, People of Color (BIPOC) frontline community members facing climate inequities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept grant funding of $15,000 from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to support implementation of the City's Climate Justice Initiative though the Climate Emergency Resolution, and execute all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Read, approved, and adopted this the 13th day of October 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $15,000 as a grant from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network Collaborative Rapid Response Grants and amend the Sustainability Fund as follows:

SUSTAINABILITY FUND

Revenues:

Miscellaneous Revenue	$15,000.00
Total Revenues	$15,000.00

Appropriations:

Contracted Services	$15,000.00
Total Appropriations	$15,000.00

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this the 13th day of October, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney