THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 23, 2020

Subject: Donation of Funds from Connect Buncombe

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, PE, Transportation Department Director
Lucy Crown, Greenway Coordinator

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept $7,000 from Connect Buncombe to be used to produce public outreach materials for the City's greenway, ADA, and pedestrian facility planning project ("GAP" project); and, approve a budget amendment in the amount of $7,000 in the City's Special Revenue Fund to budget the revenue and increase the expense budget in the GAP project.

Background:

- The GAP project is greenway, ADA, and pedestrian facility planning project.
- Connect Buncombe is a 501c-3 non-profit whose mission is to educate, advocate and fundraise for greenways throughout Buncombe County.
- Connect Buncombe awarded $7,000 to the City as a mini-grant to create educational and public outreach materials to help obtain input from the public on the pedestrian and ADA improvement needs of the community, which will help develop the plan.
- The mini-grant does not require matching funds.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility and An Equitable and Diverse Community

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- The outreach materials will be used to attract diverse public input and will be part of a larger public engagement plan intended to reach all segments of the community to gather input on pedestrian and ADA improvement needs in Asheville.
- The outreach materials will provide information about the GAP project and tell people how to get involved or provide input.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- No negative fiscal impact. Matching funds are not required for this grant.

Suggested Motion:

- Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept $7,000 from Connect Buncombe to be used to produce public outreach materials for the City's greenway, ADA, and pedestrian facility planning project (GAP project) ; and, approve a budget amendment in the amount of $7,000 in the City's Special Revenue Fund to budget the revenue and increase the expense budget in the GAP project.

Attachment(s):

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 20-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT $7,000 FROM CONNECT BUNCOMBE TO BE USED TO PRODUCE PUBLIC OUTREACH MATERIALS FOR THE CITY'S GREENWAY, ADA, AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITY PLANNING PROJECT (GAP PROJECT)

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-11 to accept donations; and

WHEREAS, the Connect Buncombe is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, advocate and fundraise for greenways in Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, the Connect Buncombe awarded the City of Asheville $7,000 to be used for photography and videography about the GAP project (greenways, ADA, pedestrian); and

WHEREAS, these funds are part of a mini-grant program from Connect Buncombe that was awarded through an application process; and

WHEREAS, attractive public outreach campaigns are shown to raise awareness and increase public engagement and input;

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

The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept $7,000 from Connect Buncombe to be used to produce public outreach materials for the City's greenway, ADA, and pedestrian facility planning project (GAP project).

Read, approved and adopted this the 23rd day of June, 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 2019-20 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $7,000.00 as a grant allocation from Connect Buncombe as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Restricted Intergovernmental Funds	$7,000.00
Total Revenues	$7,000.00

Appropriations:

Contracted Services	$7,000.00
Total Appropriations	$7,000.00

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

Read, approved and adopted this 23 day of June, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney