



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: James A. Gallup, City Manager

DATE: June 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider a resolution authorizing participation in the Certified Tennessee Downtowns Program

BACKGROUND:

- Jefferson City is a Tennessee Downtowns alumnus and has been informed that all Tennessee Downtowns alumni must now participate in the new certified program in order to be eligible for future TNECD Downtown Improvement Grants.
- The purpose for the new Certified Downtown Program:
 1. The process will strengthen the program by providing continued training to alumni communities to better help in economic development, heritage tourism, and preservation efforts.
 2. The program will allow us to collect reinvestment statistics previously not reported in the collective impact of our community and rural development work to help illustrate the overall impact of rural communities in the state of Tennessee.
 3. The program will provide a structured pathway for alumni communities to become a designated TN Main Street program.
- This does not impact our current Downtown Improvement Grant, just eligibility for future grants.

FISCAL IMPACT:

- Required to be eligible for future TNECD Downtown Improvement Grants

REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Staff recommends approving resolution in order to be eligible for future TNECD grants.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Draft Resolution authorizing participation in the Certified TN Downtowns Program