

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON A TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CDBG-CV CHILD CARE CREATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECEIVE THE GRANT FUNDS, IF AWARDED; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the city has been approached by the First Tennessee Development District and CAM Industrial Solutions for the purpose of partnering to apply for a CDBG-CV Child Care Creation Program grant through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TECD); and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant funds can be utilized for property acquisition and for the performance of necessary renovations to a home within the city which will serve as a childcare facility; and

WHEREAS, child care is often a barrier to those returning to the workforce or the classroom and by increasing the availability of affordable childcare this grant provides opportunities to eliminate those barriers, specifically for Low to Moderate Income individuals, which is a designation established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, as envisioned, city as the required applicant, will serve as a pass through entity for the grant funds while Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency will serve as a the subrecipient of the funds and be responsible for securing the physical space as well as day to day operations of the facility with First Tennessee Development District providing administrative support; and

WHEREAS, CAM Industrial Solutions has identified the expansion of safe, quality, and stable childcare within the region as a means to increase diversity and improve recruitment and retention in its workforce; and

WHEREAS, Northeast State Community College has also been identified as another community partner who will benefit from this project through childcare services for students who without childcare face barriers to obtaining or furthering their education as well as providing apprenticeship opportunities for those students enrolled in early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, while undetermined number of spaces will be reserved for children of CAM Solutions employees and Northeast State Community College students, there will be some availability for the general public; and

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of this program will benefit the health, comfort and prosperity of the citizens of the city by expanding safe, quality, and stable child care in general and particularly for Low to Moderate Income Individuals as well as the creation of Low to Moderate Income jobs; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requests funding in the amount of \$320,000.00; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds were made available through an extension to an existing program and as such the time to apply was limited which required the Mayor to execute the grant contract for submission to TEDC on or before January 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, there is no match requirement for this grant.

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That the board incorporates by reference the foregoing findings as though fully set forth herein.

SECTION II. That the application submitted on or January 15, 2024, for a Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development CDBG-CV Child Care Creation Program Grant, for funding in the amount of \$320,000.00 is ratified, including the execution of the same by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.

SECTION III. That the mayor, or in his absence, incapacity, or failure to act, the vice-mayor, is authorized and directed to execute, in a form approved by the city attorney and subject to the requirements of Article X, Section 10 of the Charter of the City of Kingsport, all documents necessary and proper to receive the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development CDBG-CV Child Care Creation Program Grant, to deliver the documents and take any and all action as may be required on the part of the city to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the transactions contemplated by the agreement and this resolution.

SECTION IV. That the mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents including those necessary and proper to demonstrate the city's compliance with the grant requirements or its provisions necessary to effectuate the purpose of the grant or this resolution.

SECTION V. That the board finds that the actions authorized by this resolution are for a public purpose and will promote the health, comfort, and prosperity of the citizens of the city.

SECTION VI. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of January, 2024.

PATRICK W. SHULL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANGELA MARSHALL, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III, CITY ATTORNEY