

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDING FOR  
N.C. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
(REDD) SMALL BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**Whereas**, the Town of Sylva was impacted by Hurricane Helene, and

**Whereas**, the Town of Sylva has experienced increased drainage issues, potholes, and a sinkhole in and around the Ritz parking lot caused by flooding and failing stormwater infrastructure; and

**Whereas**, the Small Business Infrastructure Grant program was established to provide financial assistance for community recovery and resilience, restore and repair critical infrastructure allowing small businesses to resume function and operations to support economic recovery and sustainability, and

**Whereas**, it is the desire of the Town of Sylva to improve the stormwater infrastructure to provide safe access for customers to nearby businesses, and

**Whereas**, this project provides a sustainable solution to Sylva's economic recovery by investing in public infrastructure that directly supports downtown commerce by providing consistent access to local small businesses for customers, employees, and visitors; and

**Whereas**, rehabilitating the stormwater system and repairing the parking lot will reduce recurring damage, maintenance needs, and safety hazards associated with flooding; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Sylva has been awarded \$968,651.00 from the N.C. Commerce Department's Small Business Infrastructure Grant Program which does not require matching funds; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Sylva can request 20 percent upfront for cashflow purposes and 1.5 percent for administrative costs, and

**Whereas**, the Town of Sylva must complete the grant by February 28, 2029.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, the Sylva Town Board of Commissioners authorizes the Sylva Town Manager, Paige Dowling, to execute the contract to accept the grant from the N.C. Commerce Department and to begin implementing the project.

Approved this the 24th day of September, 2026.

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Johnny Phillips, Mayor

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Angela D. Stanley, Town Clerk