

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE COUNTY OF ASHE'S APPLICATION FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING
FOR THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the County of Ashe has experienced impacts from Hurricane Helene in September 2024, and recovery efforts are necessary to restore and improve public infrastructure and community services; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program in the Commercial District Revitalization category, administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce to assist eligible communities in recovering from disaster-related impacts; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ashe has identified a need for the following project:

Downtown West Jefferson/US 221 Bus MUP Project - Development of a multi-use path (MUP) and infrastructure improvements along the corridor connecting downtown West Jefferson (WJ) and the intersection of US-221 Bus/Mount Jefferson Rd.

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets one or more of the CDBG-DR national objectives, including primarily benefiting low- and moderate-income persons, aiding in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, or addressing urgent community development needs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ashe commits to complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and requirements associated with the CDBG-DR program, including but not limited to environmental review, procurement standards, floodplain management, and civil rights requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ashe has the capacity to maintain the project in accordance with program regulations and provide efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ASHE THAT:

The County of Ashe hereby authorizes the submission of an application for CDBG-DR funding in the Commercial District Revitalization category for the project described above.

That Nick Farmerie, Assistant County Manager/Community Development Director, the Authorized Representative, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the County of Ashe with the State of North Carolina for funding to aid in the construction of the project described above.

The County of Ashe agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and funding conditions applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants or loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 3rd day of August, 2026, at Ashe County, North Carolina.

Todd McNeill, Board of Commissioners Chair

Attest: Missy Sievers, Clerk to The Board of Commissioners