

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,350,000.00) TO FACILITATE THE CAPITAL AND FACILITIES TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE WORKFORCE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE BEDC'S EXPENDITURE OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$270,000.00) FOR THE REQUIRED TWENTY PERCENT (20%) LOCAL MATCH; AUTHORIZING THE BEDC'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in recognition of the positive economic benefits which will accrue, and pursuant to the terms of Texas Local Government Code Section 501.101(1)-(2)(K), the Board of Directors of the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation ("BEDC") has authorized the application for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant in the amount of \$1,350,000.00 to facilitate the capital and facilities to provide immediate workforce training and development courses and certifications, in the City of Bastrop, Bastrop County, Texas, through the BEDC's funding of the required twenty percent (20%) local match of \$270,000.00; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, the Economic Development Administration ("EDA") announced the FY 2020 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity; and

WHEREAS, eligible applicants include "State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions"; and

WHEREAS, authorized uses of the grant funds include construction of business incubators; co-work spaces; training centers, and workforce development/expansion; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the BEDC Board approved engaging Garner Economics LLC to perform a Strategic Plan for the BEDC and to make recommendations regarding an economic development action plan to attract talent and investment to the City of Bastrop, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Garner Economics made a presentation at a joint meeting of the Bastrop City Council and the BEDC Board of Directors on January 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations was to develop training and higher education opportunities for Bastrop residents; and

WHEREAS, a second recommendation was to create an entrepreneurial center that could include a small business incubator and a makerspace; and

WHEREAS, a third recommendation was to attract an institute of higher learning to the City of Bastrop for technical training skills and certification; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 501.101(1)-(2)(K) authorizes BEDC to purchase “land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and improvements” for projects that are for the creation of primary jobs and found by the BEDC Board of Directors to be required or suitable for the development, retention, or expansion of “primary job training facilities for use by institutions of higher learning”; and

WHEREAS, the 11,594-square-foot building and four (4) acres of land located at 402 Technology Drive in the Bastrop Business and Industrial Park (“Training Center”) are currently available for purchase at a purchase price of \$1,300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, after careful evaluation and consideration by the Board, it is determined that the BEDC purchasing the Property would be a viable solution to addressing all three of the above recommendations in the 2020 Strategic Plan, and would allow for the development, retention, and/or expansion of primary job training facilities for use by institutions of higher learning through Austin Community College’s curriculum and job placement through Texas Workforce Solutions, the BEDC and local businesses and apprenticeships; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the BEDC Board of Directors on June 1, 2020, the BEDC approved of the EDA grant application to purchase the building with EDA grant funds, which requires a commitment of \$270,000, or a twenty percent (20%) local match of the total project cost of \$1,350,000 for both the purchase of and improvements to the Training Center; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 505.158 the BEDC is required to obtain approval from the Bastrop City Council for this project and expenditure of these funds, and the BEDC and City Council by separate resolutions shall authorize the application for the grant as well as approval of the funding.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Bastrop approves of BEDC Resolution 2020-15 authorizing the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation’s application for an Economic Development Administration Grant requesting funding to facilitate the capital and facilities to provide immediate workforce training and development courses and certifications.

SECTION 2. Open Meeting. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose at which it was read was given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 3. Any prior resolution of the City Council in conflict with the provisions contained in this Resolution are hereby repealed and revoked.

SECTION 4. Should any part of this Resolution be held to be invalid for any reason, the remainder shall not be affected thereby, and such remaining portions are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. Two Readings Required. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage upon a subsequent second reading and passage, and it is duly resolved.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption.

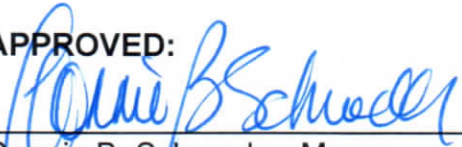
READ and ACKNOWLEDGED on First Reading on the 9th day of June 2020.

READ and APPROVED on the Second Reading on the 23rd day of June 2020.

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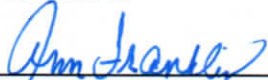
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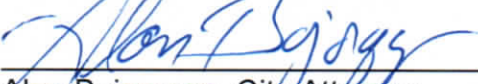
Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney