

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution for the County Manager to execute the Mountain Community Capital Fund Agreement and release funds for the associated Deposit Note**

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners for Buncombe County has established a strategic priority to cultivate a robust, inclusive local economy featuring a diverse workforce and implementing pipelines to jobs and educational opportunities for all; and

Whereas, one of the goals related to this strategic priority is to support small businesses with an emphasis on historically underserved populations; and

Whereas, Buncombe County has partnered with the City of Asheville and three Community Development Financial Institutions (Carolina Small Business Development Fund, Mountain BizWorks, and Self-Help Credit Union) to design a program to help small and minority-owned businesses gain access to funds to start or grow a business; and

Whereas, This partnership is named Mountain Community Capital Fund and is based on successful models from other communities that have demonstrated less than 5% loan loss, and is designed with guidance from a financial services advisory group through a contract with the City of Asheville; and

Whereas, Mountain Community Capital Fund is a small business loan fund that will be managed and administered by partner Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) to provide debt financing to small business enterprises that will contribute to economic development and would not be able to grow their business but for the availability of the loan; and

Whereas, The partner CDFIs would not be able make loans to certain existing small businesses but for the existence of the Mountain Community Capital Fund and the loan guarantee documented in the Allocation of Services and Duties Agreement; and

Whereas, The Allocation of Services and Duties Agreement includes information about program participants and roles, fund structure and administration, and other operational components for the program; and

Whereas, The Agreement also establishes an operating committee, which will be comprised of County staff, City staff, participating lenders, and community stakeholders for the purpose of program oversight; and

Whereas, Buncombe County Government has allocated \$200,000 for a one-time investment in launching this small business development program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That it authorizes the County Manager to execute the Mountain Community Capital Fund Allocation of Services and Duties Agreement.

2. That it authorizes the County Manager to release budgeted funds for the Deposit Note as a 0% forgivable loan to Self-Help in the amount of \$200,000.
3. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR  
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney