

## **Resolution No. 6-25**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFFORD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER A USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO FUND A DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Stafford recognizes the importance of downtown revitalization in promoting economic development and enhancing the quality of life for its residents; and  
WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program provides funding to support planning initiatives that foster economic growth in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, Stafford County Economic Development, under the leadership of Ryan Russell, Executive Director, has the expertise to successfully apply for and administer grant funding for projects of this nature; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stafford desires to collaborate with Stafford County Economic Development to secure funding for the creation of a Downtown Master Plan to serve as a strategic guide for future development and revitalization efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF STAFFORD, KANSAS:

1. The City of Stafford hereby authorizes Ryan Russell, Executive Director of Stafford County Economic Development, to prepare, submit, and execute all necessary documents for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) application to fund the development of a Downtown Master Plan.
2. The City of Stafford further authorizes Ryan Russell to administer the grant, should it be awarded, on behalf of the City, in accordance with all applicable regulations and requirements.
3. If awarded the grant, Ryan Russell and the preferred consultant of Stafford County Economic Development, Inc. will work closely with the City of Stafford throughout the project's duration to ensure that the deliverables are to the city's satisfaction.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025 by the Governing Body of the City of Stafford, Kansas.

APPROVED:

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s/s Don Hardin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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s/s Jami Downing, City Administrator