

RESOLUTION NO. 10326

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, RELATING TO THE GREAT FALLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPLICATION TO THE BIG SKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, FOR A PLANNING GRANT FOR BIG SKY COUNTRY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, INC.

WHEREAS, the Great Falls Development Authority is committed to facilitating economic diversification in the City and the region; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, in its stated Vision and Goals, is committed to managing growth to preserve our resources, environment, and sense of community; strengthening and diversifying the local economy to provide job opportunities; forming partnerships with other governments and organizations to make better use of public resources in providing services, and providing leisure and recreational opportunities which add to our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Big Sky Country National Heritage Area, a Montana-based, non-profit corporation, has been working for the past four years to support designation of a National Heritage Area in the immediate region, which would promote historic preservation, cultural conservation, natural and recreational resource enhancement, education and interpretation, community revitalization, heritage tourism, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that Big Sky Country National Heritage Area, Inc., has the potential to meet these goals, which are consistent with the City Commission's Vision and Goals; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Commerce administers the Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Planning Grant program, which is a state-funded program to assist entities like Big Sky Country National Heritage Area, Inc., especially with the development of a management or business plan for its project; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission hereby authorizes and appoints the Great Falls Development Authority to administer, on behalf of the City of Great Falls in all aspects of the Planning Grant, and provide administrative support and other responsibility for the management and appropriate reporting to the Montana Department of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, that the City submit an application, on behalf of the Great Falls Development Authority, to assist Big Sky Country National Heritage Area, Inc., obtain a planning grant and manage all aspects of the grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls,

Montana, this 17th day of December, 2019.

Bob Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

Joseph Cik, Assistant City Attorney