



## RESOLUTION 26-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FY 2026-2028 PARTNERSHIP PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO ADMINISTER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**April 16, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), hereafter referred to as “the Commission”, is the regional Council of Governments (COG) and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) of the Lake, Porter, and La Porte County area; and

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC was designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), a bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce, as an Economic Development District (EDD) on August 23, 2019, that makes the counties of Lake, Porter, and La Porte in Northwest Indiana eligible to receive certain types of federal funding for regional and local economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDD designation is consistent with NIRPC’s charge within its state enabling legislation to institute and maintain comprehensive planning and programming processes for 1) transportation, 2) economic development, and 3) environmental policy, and provide a coordinative management process for Lake, Porter, and La Porte counties (Indiana Code 36-7-7.6); and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA supports Partnership Planning investments to facilitate the development, implementation, revision, or replacement of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs), which articulate and prioritize the strategic economic goals of recipients’ respective regions; and

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC has applied for a FY 2026-2028 Economic Development Administration Partnership Planning grant for up to \$210,000 (Two Hundred and Ten Thousand dollars) in federal funds to assist with the Economic Development District scope of work; and

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC has available as local match a cash sum of \$140,000 (One Hundred and Forty Thousand dollars) in unrestricted, unencumbered, and committed funds during the period of grant performance (7/1/2026 through 6/30/2029).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission board authorizes NIRPC's Executive Director:

- 1) To apply for and administer the Economic Development Administration grant award;
- 2) To sign related documents on behalf of the organization; and
- 3) To commit up to \$140,000 (One Hundred and Forty Thousand dollars) in local matching funds.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.



Chairperson

ATTEST:



Secretary