



RESOLUTION 21-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FY 2021 PARTNERSHIP PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO ADMINISTER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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

WHEREAS, NIRPC has been 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 LaPorte in Northwest Indiana eligible to receive certain types of federal funding for regional and local economic development efforts; and

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

WHEREAS, 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, in 2020, NIRPC received an Economic Development Administration Partnership Planning grant for up to \$70,000 (Seventy Thousand dollars) in federal funds to assist with the Economic Development District scope of work, enabled by NIRPC Resolution 20-09, a grant that must be renewed annually;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission board authorizes the NIRPC 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 \$70,000 (Seventy Thousand dollars) in local matching funds.

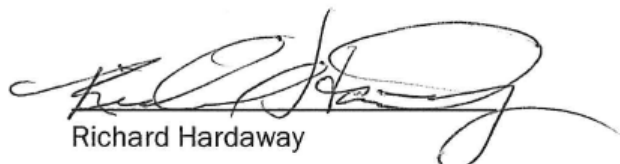
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission will make the local match funds available as needed and affirms that the funds are not encumbered in any way that would preclude its use consistent with the requirements of the EDA Investment Assistance.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this 20th day of May 2021.



George Topoll
Chairperson

ATTEST:


Richard Hardaway
Secretary