CITY OF STOUGHTON, 207 S FORREST STREET, STOUGHTON, WISCONSIN

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution 1) authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit a grant application to the Economic Development Administration Build2Scale Program in an amount of up to $750,000, 2) committing to cooperating with the Lifelong Learning Network, and 3) to serve in a fiduciary capacity to ensure compliance with the requirements of the EDA and Build2Scale Program.

Committee Action:	Finance Committee Approved X-0 on 4/14/21
Fiscal Impact:	None

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WHEREAS, the Stoughton FabLab was the first in the State of Wisconsin and has been a model for a wave of FabLabs that have been built throughout Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Stoughton Area School District has seen significantly improved engagement and outcomes with students because of the FabLab and Stoughton's major employers recognize the value such a facility brings to both their workforce and the community; and

WHEREAS, significant benefit may be gained by Stoughton residents and businesses through the expansion of the FabLab into a community-based Innovation Center and Lifelong Learning Network coordinating a suite of services, spaces, equipment, training, and activities to help people and enterprises find their path for the next stage of their life; and

WHEREAS, the United States Economic Development Administration, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and local foundations have funding to support the proposed Innovation Center and Lifelong Learning Network; and

WHEREAS, regional entities such as the Madison Region Economic Partnership, Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin, UniverCity Alliance at UW-Madison, and Dane County have expressed strong encouragement, offered in-kind resources and are willing to partner to deliver a coordinated set of services to the Stoughton community; and

WHEREAS, a grant application to the Economic Development Administration Build2Scale Program in the amount of $750,000 is being prepared for submittal no later than April 29, 2021 for the purpose of supporting the Innovation Center and Lifelong Learning Network.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Stoughton, authorizes the Mayor to prepare and submit a grant application to the Economic Development Administration Build2Scale Program in an amount of up to $750,000. The 50% matching share – an additional $750,000, will be provided by the Stoughton Area School District, Wahlin Foundation and the Bryant Foundation who will all have letters of commitment for the funds as part of the grant application; and

The City commits to cooperating with the Lifelong Learning Network to identify spaces, equipment and facilities owned by the City that may be made available to members of the Network on a shared-use and regulated basis as part of an effort to identify all such public and private spaces in the City and the terms by which they may be used; and

The City commits to conducting an annual audit of any funds received and will comply with the requirements of the EDA and the Build2Scale Program.

Council Action: ☐ **Adopted** ☐ **Failed** **Vote** _____

Mayoral Action: ☐ **Accept** ☐ **Veto**

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Mayor Tim Swadley Date

Council Action: _____ ☐ **Override** **Vote** _____