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

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Authorizing $250,000 of ARPA funds for Innovation Center Stoughton to support its start-up and to be used to leverage grant funding from a Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) Build to Scale Grant Proposal in the amount of $500,000 and authorizing submission of the application on behalf of the City of Stoughton in the event Innovation Center Stoughton is not able to be the applicant by the time the grant is due to be submitted.

Committee Action:

Fiscal Impact: None

File Number:	R-115-2022	**Date Introduced:**	May 24, 2022

RECITALS

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

WHEREAS, Stoughton Area School District has seen significantly improved engagement and outcomes with students because of the Fab Lab 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 coordinating a suite of services, spaces, equipment, training, and activities to help people and enterprises address work-related issues caused or exacerbated by the pandemic and other events impacting work; and

WHEREAS, the work associated with Innovation Center Stoughton (ICS) and securing resources for local businesses impacted by the pandemic are eligible for funding from ARPA dollars; and

WHEREAS, a grant application to the EDA's Build to Scale program in the amount of $500,000 is being prepared for submission no later than June 13, 2022, for the purpose of funding equipment, programs, services, and staff of Innovation Center Stoughton; and

WHEREAS, the Build to Scale grant requires 50% matching funds, or another $500,000 from project supporters. The Wahlin Foundation has committed $250,000 in support of ICS, leaving matching funds short of that required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Stoughton authorizes the Mayor and Finance Director to allocate $250,000 of ARPA funds for Innovation Center Stoughton for the purpose of funding the start-up of ICS and as matching funds for this and other grant applications.

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

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

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Mayor Tim Swadley Date

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

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

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL			
Authorizing Funding for 2022 Services Provided by Becker Professional Services, LLC for Economic Development Projects.			
Committee Action:	Finance recommends approval unanimously on April 12, 2022		
Fiscal Impact:	$71,250		
File Number:	R-96-2022	**Date**	April 26, 2022

The City of Stoughton, Wisconsin, Common council does proclaim as follows:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Gary Becker with Becker Professional Services, LLC has been assisting the City of Stoughton with various community projects including (a) planning for riverfront redevelopment,(b) planning for East Main Street redevelopment, (c) planning the expansion of the Stoughton Area School District Fab Labs into a community-based innovation center and (d) other economic development projects as they arise; and

WHEREAS, due to opportunities to secure funding and growth and momentum of the innovation center idea, insufficient funds were budgeted for Mr. Becker's services related to these important community projects; and

WHEREAS, Becker Professional Services, LLC estimates the cost of requested services for 2022 to be $71,250 and is broken down as follows:

Description	Regional Development Authority	Innovation Center	General Economic Development
Complete E. Main St. Redevelopment Plan	$ 12,000		
Grant applications for infrastructure and building rehab	$ 10,000		
Prepare Workforce Innovation Grant application		$ 5,000	
Support ICS Board in developing Innovation Center		$ 22,500	
Meetings with businesses to help them secure resources			$ 6,750
Economic development grant applications			$ 10,000
Possible refugee settlement grant applications			$ 5,000
Totals	$ 22,000	$ 27,500	$ 21,750 ;and,

WHEREAS, the work associated with Innovation Center Stoughton and securing resources for local businesses impacted by the pandemic are eligible for funding from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council intends to act upon the allocation of ARPA funds at a later date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Stoughton hereby increases the authorized budget for the various economic development projects listed above totaling $71,250; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for the above economic development projects shall be from a transfer from the Unassigned General Fund; and,

Budget amendments require 2/3 majority vote of members present for adoption.

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

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

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Mayor Tim Swadley Date

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