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

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL			
Authorizing the Mayor to Submit a Grant Application for a Workforce Innovation Grant (Round 2) with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for $5,000,000			
Committee Action:			
Fiscal Impact:	None		
File Number:	R-___-2022	**Date**	**April 12, 2022**

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

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Fab Lab Stoughton 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 Fab Lab 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 exasperated by the pandemic and other events impacting work; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and local foundations have funding to support the proposed Innovation Center Stoughton; 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 area community; and

WHEREAS a grant application to WEDC's Workforce Innovation Grant Program Round 2 in the amount of $5,000,000 is being prepared for submittal no later than April 18, 2022, for the purpose of constructing or rehabilitating a building to house Innovation Center Stoughton and fund the development of programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project costs are summarized in the fiscal note below; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stoughton upon acceptance of the grant will serve in a fiduciary capacity to ensure grant compliance of the WEDC program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Stoughton, is in support of the request for funding of Innovation Center Stoughton (Project); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to prepare and submit a grant application to WEDC's Workforce Innovation Grant Program Round 2 in an amount of up to $5,000,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance of the City of Stoughton is designated as the Authorized Representative of the City for the proposed project and is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Stoughton; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Stoughton commits to conducting an annual audit of any funds received and will comply with the requirements of the WEDC and Workforce Innovation Grant Program.

Fiscal note: The proposed project cost for Project is approximately $5,750,000. The City of Stoughton is requesting $5,000,000 of the project cost from WEDC. The matching dollars, which are an additional $750,000, will be provided by the Stoughton Area School District ($350,000), and the Wahlin Foundation ($250,000) whose letters of commitment are included in the grant application and whose funds are available, committed to the project and not encumbered in any way that may preclude its use. Additionally, the Stoughton City Council is considering using $150,000 of ARPA funds to support the first three years of operations to help mitigate the impacts of the pandemic on our local economy;

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

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

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Mayor Tim Swadley Date

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