

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION NO. 111 - 2022

A resolution authorizing allocation of a portion of Okanogan County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Alliance 2005 dba Economic Alliance for economic recovery activities including but not limited to Technical Assistance to COVID Impacted Businesses. (\$310,000)

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021 the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law which authorized funds for State and Local Fiscal Recovery across America (CFDA #21.027); and

WHEREAS, Funds are provided to remedy rising costs and falling revenues due to COVID-19 public health pandemic and to continue to support the public health response and maintain and improve public sector operational capacities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic impacted Okanogan County's tourism, retail, and hospitality industries and supply chains and created financial hardships to disadvantaged businesses within the business community including restaurant and tourism industries; and

WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic has impacted populations that live in Opportunity Zones or eligible census tracts including the Colville Indian Reservation, and our underserved populations including our Latino and American Indian businesses; and

WHEREAS, Economic Alliance works with communities to assist and support businesses to provide strategies and ideas that will reopen locations to create jobs and increase the viability of the business sector which in part increases economic vitality and sales tax revenues that benefit our communities; and

WHEREAS, Economic Alliance is a subrecipient of the county's ARPA funds and incurred an obligation; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 2 CFR § 299.458-Pre award costs, the subrecipient may only use funds to cover costs incurred during the period beginning Mar 3, 2021, and ending December 31, 2024, where such costs are reasonable and necessary, allowable, and allocable, for efficient and timely performance of the scope of work and for one or more of the purposes enumerated in sections 602 (c) (1) and 603(c) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 802 (c) (1) and 42 USC 803(c)(1)), as applicable, including those enumerated in 31 CFR § 35.6 of this subpart, subject to the restrictions set for in section 602(c)(2) and 603(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 802(c)(2) and 42 USC 803(c)(2)) as applicable; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred are considered to have been incurred if the recipient incurred an obligation with respect to such cost by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners (BOCC) to support the continuity of business operations and assist impacted and underserved

populations to provide strategies that will reopen businesses, create jobs, address vacant buildings and increase sales tax revenues for communities as allowable under the ARPA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the BOCC hereby allocates \$310,000 of the Okanogan County American Rescue Plan Act funds to Economic Alliance to provide economic recovery activities including but not limited to Technical Assistance to COVID Impacted Businesses in the form of Small Business Grants and Technical Assistance services to Small Businesses as described in the attached scope of work; and

The BOCC directs the Okanogan County Auditor to create a budget line in Fund 170 for "Economic Development".

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 9th day of August 2022.

ATTEST:



Laleña Johns, CMC, Clerk of the Board

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OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**

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