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October 24, 2022

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2023-25 U. S. Economic Development Administration Partnership  
Planning Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Executive Director to sign and submit an Application for Federal Assistance for a three-year Partnership Planning investment grant to the U.S. Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$210,000 and authorize the Executive Director to execute the grant award if the application is approved.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council is designated by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, as an Economic Development District. Every three years the Council applies for and receives a planning grant from the Economic Development Administration to fund a portion of the Council's economic development program.

On October 21, 2022, the Atlanta Regional Office of the U. S. Economic Development Administration has invited the Council to submit an Application for Federal Assistance for a three-year Partnership Planning investment grant in the amount of \$210,000. Based upon the Administration's preliminary analysis of the economic distress of the region, this invitation in the amount of \$210,000 will require a local match of \$52,500.

This program consists, in part, of the preparation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and assistance to local governments in submitting applications for state and federal assistance for various development projects in the region.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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