

Resolution authorizing the City of La Crosse to: (1) Partner with The Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Inc. and the Coulee Region Business Center to apply for a Local Technical Assistance Program grant to the U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration to fund the preparation of a feasibility study that analyzes future business development service alternatives including workforce training in the Coulee Region Business Center, and (2) Provide \$15,000 in unencumbered, unrestricted non-federal cash match for the application.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board a Private Non-Profit 501(c)3 Organization, from here on referred to as WWWDB is a board that has administered U.S. Department of Labor and State of Wisconsin workforce training programs for over 25 years.

WHEREAS, the Coulee Region Business Center Inc. a Private Non-Profit 501(c)3 Organization, from here on referred to as CRBC is a business incubator that has served businesses in the La Crosse area for over 30 years.

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse would like to partner with the WWWDB and CRBC to provide more resources to address the regional need to fix the region's workforce gap between available positions and qualified workers.

WHEREAS, the CRBC's low vacancy rates create in sufficient space for new business start-ups and opportunities to train employees.

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse would like to develop a strategic plan with the CRBC that identifies program, space and training services the CRBC should provide to help meet the region's future business and workforce development needs

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse would like to partner with the WWWDB and CRBC in developing this strategic plan because of their land use and development expertise.

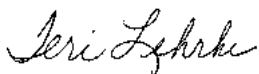
WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce-Economic Development Administration administers a Local Technical Assistance Program grant that funds economic and workforce development studies.

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has determined that a U.S. Department of Commerce-Economic Development Administration Local Technical Assistance Program grant award would help it fund the costs to develop a strategic plan that addresses program, space and training services the CRBC could house to help meet the region's future business and workforce development needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of La Crosse appropriates \$15,000.00 from the Contingency Fund for a non-federal cash match for the application for a Local Technical Assistance Program grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce-Economic Development Administration to help fund the costs to develop a strategic plan that identifies program, space, and training services the CRBC should provide to help meet the region's future business and workforce development needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crosse authorizes its Director of Planning and Development or designee to complete the Local Technical Assistance Program grant application, to sign all necessary documents in the City of La Crosse's name and to provide such additional information as may be requested by EDA.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on September 14, 2017.



Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin