

**RESOLUTION NO. 032519-1**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RDBG) APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHALLERT GROUP'S COMMUNITY REINVENTION PROGRAM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ABILENE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU.**

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene, Kansas, has the legal authority to apply for, receive, and administer federal, state, and other monies through its Home Rule authority under the Constitution of the State of Kansas and authorized by K.S.A. 12-1662, regarding the expenditure of federal aid to public agencies, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to submit an application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development division for funds to assist with business development and destination marketing as recommended by the Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Commission of the City of Abilene, as follows:

**Section 1: Application Authorization.** That the City of Abilene, Kansas, does hereby authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development division for the Community Reinvention program on behalf of the citizens and businesses of the City of Abilene.

**Section 2: Project Scope.** The scope of such Project shall be to provide registration for six businesses and/or organizations and one community coordinator to attend Destination Business BootCamp in Longmont, Colorado, where they will receive instruction on how to make their businesses Consumer Destinations. The Project will also include an ongoing month-to-month program with the Schallert Group for a period of four (4) months immediately after attending Destination Business BootCamp and a 90-minute workshop in Abilene open to all area businesses and organizations.

**Section 3. Sufficient Funding; Local Match.** That the City hereby assures the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development division that sufficient funding in the amount \$5,000 for the local match for the Project is anticipated to be available.

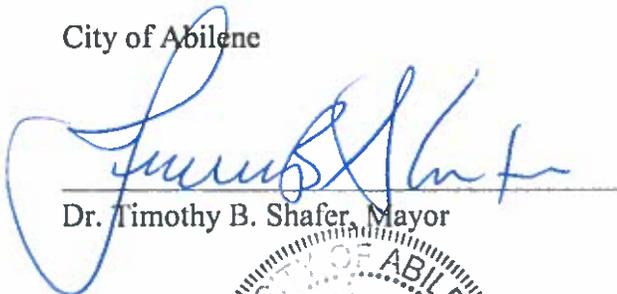
**Section 4: Official Representative.** That the City Manager is authorized to sign the application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development division for the Project on behalf of the citizens of the City of Abilene. The City Manager is also authorized to submit additional information or documentation as may be required and act as the official representative of the City in this and subsequent related activities.

**Section 5: Project Administration.** That the City hereby assures the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development division that the City will contract with the Schallert Group to provide services involved with the Project if selected for funding.

**Section 6: Effective Date.** That the effects of this Resolution shall be in full force after its approval by the City Commission.

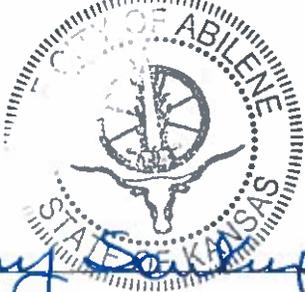
**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Governing Body of the City of Abilene, Kansas this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

City of Abilene



Dr. Timothy B. Shafer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Penny Soukup, City Clerk