

RESOLUTION #830-07-20-2021

Resolution supporting and endorsing the Quad Cities Chamber application to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for the Community Navigator Pilot Program.

WHEREAS, Jackson County is dedicated to its small businesses and believes small businesses play a vital role in the overall health and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Cities Chamber has joined with Jackson County Economic Alliance as a collaborative partner and Jackson County Economic Alliance has delivered on long-term economic support to small businesses throughout the Jackson County area; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Cities Chamber is submitting an application to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for the Community Navigator Pilot Program (Program); and

WHEREAS, the focus of the Program is to reach, and support underserved small businesses, including micro and rural businesses, with emphasis and those owned by women, veterans and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Program will strengthen outreach to underserved businesses by partnering with organizations like Jackson County Economic Alliance with established relationships and experience within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Program requires one organization to serve as the "Hub" and a minimum of six organizations to serve as the "Spokes"; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Cities Chamber will serve as the "Hub" and partner with other organizations to conduct outreach to a target audience and then follow up with connections to technical assistance resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JACKSON COUNTY, IOWA, as follows:

That the Board of Supervisors finds it in the best interests of Jackson County, Iowa, to declare Jackson County's support for and endorsement of the Quad Cities Chamber application to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for the Community Navigator Pilot Program.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Jackson County, Iowa this 20th day of July 2021.

John J. Willey

Jack Willey, Chair
Jackson County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: *Alisa Smith*

Alisa Smith
Jackson County Auditor