

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2026
SUBJECT: Resolution for Project Blaze - Building Reuse Grant
PRESENTER: Charles Russell Burrell, County Attorney
ATTACHMENT(S): Proposed Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

As a part of the “Project Blaze” economic development matter, the company proposes the (re)use of an existing building located in Fletcher, North Carolina. In doing so, the company may qualify for a North Carolina Department of Commerce “building reuse grant”. This grant program requires endorsement by the local government(s) in which the building is located, and a five percent (5%) match of the grant by the local government.

Proposed is a resolution supporting the state grant and confirming that the County would commit to the local match (from the incentives grant that the County has previously confirmed), so long as the company meets the requirements of the incentives.

County staff will be present and prepared if requested to give further information on this matter.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of the proposed resolution.

If the Board is so inclined, the following motion is suggested:

I move that the Board approve the proposed resolution.

**Henderson County
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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF

Project Blaze

***TO LOCATE A MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN HENDERSON COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA***

WHEREAS, Project Blaze is considering locating a manufacturing facility in an existing building in Fletcher, Henderson County, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Project Blaze proposes to invest \$6,196,649 and to employ at least thirty-three (33) persons when the company is fully operational; and,

WHEREAS, Project Blaze plans are consistent with local land use and state and local transportation plans and locating requires significant upgrades to the existing building which has been vacant for at least 3 months; and,

WHEREAS, Project Blaze plans conform with all applicable state and local ordinances and policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County as follows:

Henderson County supports the location of Project Blaze in Fletcher, Henderson County, North Carolina, and confirms that its plans are consistent with and conform with state and local laws, plans and policies.

Henderson County endorses the application of Project Blaze to request financial support from the North Carolina Department of Commerce through a Building Reuse Grant to assist in the necessary updates to their property in Fletcher.

Henderson County has approved incentives of up to 80% of each year's property taxes to be paid back to Project Blaze should they create 33 jobs over 5 years with an average annual wage of \$68,788.

Henderson County commits that the 5% match of the grant request amount required of the Building Reuse grant will come from the proposed incentive payout.

Approved after motion duly made by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, this the 6th day of April 2026.

WILLIAM G. LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISA A. LAUFFER
CLERK TO THE BOARD