

City of Harrisonburg, Virginia
Resolution Supporting the City's Rural Business Development Grant Proposal

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has obligated funding through the 2014 Farm Bill, under the Rural Business Development Grant Program (RBDG); and

WHEREAS, the ultimate intent of the RBDG is designed to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the existing Harrisonburg Farmer's Market meets the need of the market to create additional opportunities for farmers and producers, which meet funding priorities for USDA Rural Development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg is applying for \$99,500 in RBDG funds to aid in the construction of a second pavilion adjoining the existing Turner Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, all matching funds shall be the responsibility of the Build Our Park citizen group; and

WHEREAS, the successful application and construction of the new expanded Harrisonburg Farmer's Market will contribute to the on-going revitalization efforts in downtown Harrisonburg;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harrisonburg City Council authorizes and fully supports the Harrisonburg Farmer's Market Pavilion grant application submitted to the USDA Office of Rural Development for consideration under the Rural Business Development Grant and asks for favorable consideration of this application.

Adopted this 22nd day of March 2016 in Harrisonburg, Virginia

Christopher B. Jones, Mayor

Attest

Erica S. Kann, City Clerk