

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2023-31**

**AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SEEK A GRANT AWARD FROM
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING KNOWN AS THE
RURAL INNOVATION STRONGER ECONOMY GRANT**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is offering the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant to provide assistance with creating and augmenting high-wage jobs, accelerating the formation of new businesses, supporting industry clusters and maximizing the use of local productive assets in eligible low-income rural areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Yellow Springs is an eligible applicant for the RISE Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the RISE Grant can be used to build or support a business incubator facility, provide worker training to assist in the creation of new jobs, train the existing workforce with skills for higher-paying jobs, or to develop a base of skilled workers and improve their opportunities to obtain high-wage jobs in new or existing local industries; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Yellow Springs aims to establish an Innovation Center in the Village, providing comprehensive training and support for the 3D printing industry through a strong partnership between local government, non-profit organizations, small businesses, and experts in course and certification development, 3D printing and training, and entrepreneurship; and,

WHEREAS, the grant funding would be used to support the establishment of the Innovation Center, developing courses and certifications for individuals interested in pursuing careers in the 3D printing industry, and supporting the development of small businesses and employment within the 3D printing industry in Yellow Springs and surrounding rural communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Council directs the Village Manager to take all steps necessary to apply for the RISE Grant;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by Council for the Village of Yellow Springs, State of Ohio that:

Section 1: The Village Manager is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to seek a grant award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for funding known as the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Grant in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Section 2: The grant funds, if awarded, shall be used for the purpose of establishing an Innovation Center in the Village of Yellow Springs, developing courses and certifications for individuals interested in pursuing careers in the 3D printing industry, and supporting the development of small businesses and employment within the 3D printing industry in Yellow Springs and surrounding rural communities, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

Section 3: All formal actions pertaining to this Resolution were conducted in meetings open to the public in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapter 607 of the Village Code of Ordinances.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Signed: _____

Brian Housh, Council President

Passed: 4-17-2023

Attest: _____

Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

Roll Call:

Housh__Y__

Stokes__

MacQueen__Y__

Brown__Y__

Devore Leonard__Y__