RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_06_

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$500,000.00 FROM CEDIT FUNDS TO THE CASS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Cass County Council serves the needs of citizens of Cass County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, Logansport, Indiana has established and maintained a Farmer's Market at the intersection of Market and Fourth Streets for many years.

WHEREAS, the Cass County Community Foundation has been awarded a \$5 million dollar grant from the Eli Lilly Foundation for the use in the construction of a new Farmer's Market at the existing Market and Fourth Street location; and

WHEREAS, after extensive study and research it has also been brought to the Foundation's attention that Logansport, Cass County, Indiana is located geographically in the center of a "Food Desert" and that Cass County area citizens have limited nutritional food opportunities and/or choices; and

WHEREAS, it would be benefit to the citizens of the Cass County area community to have available to them an "incubator kitchen" to assist in the preparation of and providing of varied nutritional food opportunities for the citizenry of the County.

WHEREAS, that the Logansport, Cass County Community is the home to a population of diverse cultures which bring with them varying food interests. The Incubator Kitchen would allow all citizens of the county to experience those vast and varied cultural food opportunities.

WHEREAS, the Cass County Community Foundation has reached out to the City of Logansport and Cass County for additional funding to assist with the construction and operation of the Farmer's Market and the Incubator Kitchen which would be located within the Farmer's Market.

WHEREAS, a new Executive Director for the Incubator Kitchen has been hired to ensure that the food prepared in the Incubator Kitchen will comply with federal state and local health codes and regulations.

WHEREAS, the Cass County Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Cass County to contribute to this worthy cause.

WHEREAS, the Cass County Council hereby appropriates the sum of \$500,000.00 towards the construction of the Farmer's Market and Incubator Kitchen, subject to 1.) the approval of the project by the County Commissioners, and 2.) the execution of an Economic Development Agreement between the County and the Cass County Community Foundation on the terms agreed upon by the County Commissioners and the Cass County Community Foundation.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Cass County Council, this __21__ day of __November__ 2025 in lawful session duly assembled.

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