
FY2026 BUILD Grant Application – Hendersonville Downtown Streets Modernization Project: New Streets for New Business

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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: FY2026 BUILD Grant Application – Hendersonville Downtown Streets Modernization Project: New Streets for New Business

Dear Secretary Duffy:

319 NC Holdings, LLC, 317 NC Holdings, LLC, and 407 NC Holdings, LLC are pleased to offer our strong support for the City of Hendersonville's BUILD Grant application titled *Hendersonville Downtown Streets Modernization Project: New Streets for New Business*.

As long-term commercial property owners and investors within Hendersonville's downtown and 7th Avenue corridor, our organizations have made significant investments in preserving historic structures, attracting local businesses, and supporting the continued revitalization of this important economic and cultural district. We view public infrastructure investment as a critical partner to private sector reinvestment, and this project represents a meaningful step forward for the entire community.

The proposed streetscape improvements along South Main Street and 7th Avenue will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, strengthen connectivity between neighborhoods and downtown businesses, and enhance accessibility for residents, workers, and visitors. These improvements will help support existing small businesses while also encouraging new investment, job creation, and expanded tourism activity throughout the region.

From a property owner and business perspective, improved streets, sidewalks, lighting, drainage, and multimodal connectivity directly influence tenant success, customer accessibility, and long-term economic stability. In addition, the project's focus on flood resilience and

infrastructure modernization addresses challenges that can impact business continuity and public safety during severe weather events.

We also recognize the project's alignment with national transportation priorities by improving safety, maintaining roadway functionality, supporting economic growth, and expanding access to transportation choices for residents and visitors alike. Investments like this help ensure that smaller communities such as Hendersonville remain competitive, vibrant, and economically sustainable.

Our organizations have seen firsthand how thoughtful infrastructure improvements can catalyze private investment, strengthen local business districts, and improve quality of life for families and visitors. We believe this project will continue that momentum and serve as a model for balanced, community-focused economic development.

For these reasons, we respectfully encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to give full and favorable consideration to this application for BUILD Program funding.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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