

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Interim Director of Finance and Purchasing to issue a check in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the Mattie Rhodes Center to fund the creation of a youth employment and community arts pilot program.

RESOLUTION NO. 22313, June 15, 2026

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Legislature recognizes the importance of providing meaningful employment opportunities, workforce development, mentorship, and artistic engagement for youth throughout Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, youth employment programs have been shown to improve educational outcomes, develop job readiness skills, reduce involvement in criminal activity, and strengthen community connections; and,

WHEREAS, community arts initiatives foster creativity, cultural expression, neighborhood pride, and positive engagement among young people while creating opportunities for public beautification and civic participation; and,

WHEREAS, the Mattie Rhodes Center has a longstanding history of serving youth and families throughout Jackson County through educational, employment, cultural, and community development programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Mattie Rhodes Center has proposed a Youth Employment and Community Arts Pilot Program designed to provide paid work experiences, workforce readiness training, mentorship opportunities, and community-based arts projects for youth residing within Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that investing in youth employment and community arts programming serves a valid public purpose and advances the health, safety, welfare, and economic vitality of Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Department of Finance and Purchasing be and hereby is authorized to issue a check to the Mattie Rhodes Center in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covatta
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22313 of June 15, 2026, was duly passed on July 13, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 2

7.14.2026
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 002 1021 56789
ACCOUNT TITLE: Health Fund
Jackson County Arts Commission
Outside Agency Funding
NOT TO EXCEED: \$50,000.00

Unsigned by County Executive

Date

Phil LeVota, County Executive