



**Development Authority
of Lumpkin County**

April 6, 2020

Chairman Chris Dockery
Board of Commissioners
Lumpkin County Government

RE: 2021 Budget Request from the Development Authority of Lumpkin County

Dear Chairman Dockery,

Through this letter, the Development Authority Board of Directors is requesting consideration from the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners to allocate \$20,000 from the Lumpkin County Government 2021 Budget to the Development Authority of Lumpkin County.

The Development Authority Board of Directors continues to responsibly use SPLOST allocations and other financial contributions from the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners in a manner that strengthens the Authority's mission to enrich local employment, the county tax base, and business opportunity while honoring the history, natural beauty, and character of Lumpkin County.

In 2019, the Development Authority took steps to align as a stronger partner with Lumpkin County Government through financial investment, staff contributions, and management of special projects. Specifically, the Development Authority assisted to create the design guidelines for the Gateway Corridor District and is leading the Yahoola Creek Reservoir master planning project. The Board of Directors strongly believes entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lumpkin County for financial and administrative services, relocating to the old library with other Lumpkin County development partners, and continuing to contribute to special projects as requested by Lumpkin County staff and the Board of Commissioners further demonstrates this renewed partnership between the two organizations.

The Development Authority Board of Directors views the relationship with Lumpkin County Government as the primary mechanism needed to sustain a pro-economic development environment that allows for a variety of new and expanding business ventures in Lumpkin County.

In order for the Development Authority to continue to effectively fulfill its mission to serve the business community and residents of Lumpkin County, we hope you all will strongly consider this budget request.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Curtis".

Jim Curtis
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca A. Mincey".

Rebecca A. Mincey
Executive Director