

**RESOLUTION NO. 221-2026
SIGN AND SUBMIT AUTHORIZATION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WENDELL, IDAHO, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN IDAHO GEM GRANT APPLICATION TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HOUSING INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF WENDELL.

WHEREAS, the City of Wendell recognizes that access to safe, attainable, and workforce housing is essential to supporting economic development, local businesses, public services, and community vitality; and

WHEREAS, local stakeholders, community leaders, residents, and public agencies have identified housing availability and affordability as important issues affecting the long-term vitality, economic resilience, and quality of life of the City of Wendell; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to better understand its housing needs and identify opportunities to support future housing development within the community; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to develop a Housing Investment Strategy that will consider local housing needs, identify opportunity sites, assess development constraints and opportunities, and create implementation strategies to advance workforce housing projects; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Investment Strategy will help position the City to attract investment, pursue future grant opportunities, support local employers, facilitate housing development that meets community needs, provide housing opportunities for current and future residents, and strengthen the economic vitality, community character, and quality of life of the City of Wendell; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have sufficient financial resources to fully fund the Housing Investment Strategy and seeks assistance through the Idaho Gem Grant Program to support this economic development effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WENDELL, IDAHO, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit all necessary application materials to the Idaho Department of Commerce for funding through the Idaho Gem Grant Program to assist with the preparation of a Housing Investment Strategy and related housing planning activities.

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2026.

By: Rebecca Vipperman
Rebecca Vipperman, Mayor

Attest: Karri French
Karri French, City Clerk