## **Township of West Milford**

Passaic County, New Jersey

## ~ Resolution 2023 - 187 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OFFICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH STRENGTHENING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY PROGRAM 2024 GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$274,080

**WHEREAS**, local health departments are responsible for providing essential services in areas such as emergency response and disaster resiliency, communicable disease investigation and outbreak response, environmental and sanitation inspections, chronic disease prevention and health promotion; and

**WHEREAS**, the public health priority funding was discontinued in 2011 resulting in a reduced workforce and reduced available services; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Health in an effort to continue to support COVID-19 response initiatives and infectious disease preparedness has provided West Milford Health Department with the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program in the amount of \$274,080 to boost public health capacity during COVID-19 by strengthening communicable disease outbreak preparedness/response capacity and provide outreach to the vulnerable populations within the township; and

**WHEREAS,** the award will be effective for the grant period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the funding enables the Township to continue to support a full-time Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist, Local Health Outreach Coordinator, and other necessary staff to meet these needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford has determined that there is a need for these grant funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the submission and acceptance of a grant application for the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program 2024 grant in the amount of \$274,080.

Adopted: May 3, 2023

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023 and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk