

# Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

## ~ Resolution 2022 – 354 ~

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP)

**WHEREAS**, since 1999, the BVP program has awarded more than 13,000 jurisdictions a total of \$548 million in federal funds for the purchase of over one million vests (1,490,930); and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department has a policy that all Police Officers are required to wear bulletproof vests; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the obligation of the Police Department to purchase vests for newly hired officers and to replace outdated and/or expired vests; and

**WHEREAS**, annually the Police Department applies for the BVP grant through the U.S. Department of Justice; and

**WHEREAS**, bulletproof vests costs are perpetual and ongoing for the entirety of a Police Officer's career, and by participating in this program the Police Department can reduce the costs of equipping officers with this required and expensive equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department was awarded \$2,150.40 in 2020 and \$16,944.08 in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant will reimburse the Police Department for up to 50% of the cost of bulletproof vests that are purchased; and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Department anticipates allocating the awarded funds and purchasing bulletproof vests in the 2023 fiscal year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the acceptance of grant funds awarded to the Police Department from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) in the amount of \$2,150.44 in 2020 and \$16,944.08 in 2021.

Adopted: October 5, 2022

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022  
and certified as a true copy of an original.

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William Senande, Township Clerk