

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2022 – 417 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, OFFICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH STRENGTHENING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY PROGRAM 2023 GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$274,735

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 \$274,735 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the funding enables the Township to continue to support a full-time Infectious Disease Preparedness Generalist (previously Covid-19 generalist), Local Health Outreach Coordinator (Previously Vulnerable Populations 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 acceptance of a grant application for the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Program 2023 grant in the amount of \$274,735.

Adopted: December 7, 2022

Adopted this 7th day of December, 2022
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk