

**RESOLUTION 2024-37
STOCKTON BOROUGH**

**PARTICIPANT'S RESOLUTION
LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$7.5 million for Shared Services and School District Consolidation Study and Implementation Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) is tasked with administering these grant funds through the Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP); and

WHEREAS, LEAP Implementation Grants exist to support costs associated with shared service implementation to ensure that meaningful, efficiency generating initiatives are not hindered by short term transitional expenses; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Township and Stockton Borough are presently served by a volunteer fire company in each of the two municipalities, and have contracts with those volunteer fire companies for purposes of performing fire protection and suppression therein through the Delaware Township Fire Department and Stockton Borough Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the two volunteer fire companies seek to consolidate into a single volunteer fire company to serve both Delaware Township and Stockton Borough, and upon their consolidation, the two local units seek to enter into a shared services agreement to set forth the terms and conditions of the provision of fire protection and suppression services by the local units and the consolidated volunteer fire company; and

WHEREAS, as indicated above, Delaware Township and Stockton Borough propose to enter into a shared services agreement, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this shared services agreement is to consolidate the Delaware Township and Stockton Borough's municipal fire departments into one department, which will benefit the residents of both participating local units; and

WHEREAS, Delaware Township has agreed to be the lead agency in this program and will submit the application to DLGS on behalf of all participating units; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Borough of Stockton does hereby join with Delaware Township in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$_____ to support implementation of this shared service.

Certification:

I, Laurie A. Courter, Clerk of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton on: April 3, 2024

 Recoverable Signature

X Laurie A. Courter

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Borough Clerk

Signed by: f294cf7e-b128-47e4-b5d9-0d760677edc7

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Borough this 3rd

day of April, 2024

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