

Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex

Resolution #2025-56

NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT RESOLUTION FY25

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$6 million for Shared Services and Implementation, Challenge, and County Coordinator 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, the Township of Vernon, the Township of Lafayette, the Township of Hardyston, the Borough of Hamburg, the Borough of Franklin, the Township of Montague, and the Borough of Ogdensburg have entered into shared services agreements, but face certain expenses associated with implementation that present a burden to the local units; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these shared services agreements is to provide animal control services, which involve providing temporary housing for animals collected in the course of the agreement;

WHEREAS, it is ideal to have a quarantine unit for newly retrieved animals to mitigate any spread of communicable diseases within the shelter population, this agreement would allow for the construction of new quarantine units in the Vernon Animal Shelter, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has made LEAP grants available to assist local units to study, develop and implement new shared services initiatives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin does hereby join with the Township of Vernon in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$213,750 to support implementation of this shared service.

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CERTIFICATION: I, Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Franklin, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Franklin, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey at a regular meeting held on June 9, 2025.



Colleen L. Little, Municipal Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
PATRICIA CARNES				X
CONCETTO FORMICA	X			
RACHEL HEATH	X			
JOSEPH LIMON	X			
STEPHEN SKELLENGER	X			
GILBERT SNYDER	X			
MAYOR SOWDEN (Tie Only)				