

**TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO  
RESOLUTION 2022 – 128**

**AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE  
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER GRANT**

Whereas firefighter's protective gear is an essential component in the ability to mitigate numerous hazardous incidents safely, especially search and rescue operations, and fire suppression during fire suppression incidents; and

Whereas the Firefighter's Personal Protective Gear in Willingboro Township is nearing or beyond their replacement term of ten years of providing adequate protection to our firefighters, and frontline service to the citizens of Willingboro Township; and

WHEREAS the American rescue plan firefighter grant is a competitive grant that supports local or regional fire departments by ensuring that they have proper fire protection cleaning and sanitizing equipment and ensuring that firefighters are adequately protected against the combined threats of COVID-19 virus, and the strain of providing emergency services under the current stresses communities are facing while confronting the pandemic; and

WHEREAS the receipt of the Grant would support Willingboro Township in covering the costs associated with the purchase of protective clothing, cleaning and advanced cleaning equipment, oxygen supply equipment, PPE, and other fire/virus protection equipment as determined to be appropriate by the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS the Willingboro Township Council acknowledges and approves the submission of a grant application and agrees to utilize the funds to purchase approved items.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council, assembled in an open public session on this 2nd day of August 2022, that Willingboro Township authorizes and supports the submission of a grant application by the Willingboro Fire Department through the American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant and accepts the terms under which the New Jersey the Division of Local Government Services will make the Grant and the Fire Chief is with this authorized to submit all grant application documents.

Councilmember	Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Anderson			X				
Councilwoman Perrone		X	X				
Councilwoman Worthy	X		X				
Deputy Mayor Whitfield			X				
Mayor McIntosh			X				

*Kaya T. McIntosh*  
Kaya T. McIntosh, Mayor

Attest:

*Brenda Bligen*  
Brenda Bligen, MBA  
Acting Township Clerk