

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT-IN-AID FFY 2021, AND ACCEPTANCE OF SAME IN THE EVENT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of West Orange desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$50,000.00 to help fund the fifth and final of a series of five intensive-level surveys of some 200 properties in eleven (11) neighborhoods within the Township to complete the update of its earlier surveys and to focus primarily on areas of the Township developed in the immediate post WWII period, an era receiving scant attention to date with respect to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange, through its West Orange Historic Preservation Commission (“WOHPC”) is among those municipalities having received Certified Local Government (“CLG”) status from the National Park Service and having attained that status is eligible to compete for NJ Department of Environmental Protection New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund CLG Grants-in-Aid; and

WHEREAS, each federal fiscal year (“FFY”) the State of New Jersey sets aside ten percent of the State’s allocation of federal historic preservation funds for pass-through as sub-grants to CLG municipalities, the intent being to use federal assistance to augment the existing local commitment to historic preservation activities, the funds awarded on a competitive basis among eligible applicants; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline for submitting applications for CLG grants for FFY 2021 is Monday, February 15, 2021, this year a federal and State holiday, requiring earlier submission, and the WOHPC has been diligently working on a CLG grant submission to fund and complete the fifth of its intensive-level surveys as described above; and

WHEREAS, the CLG Grant procedures require, in addition to this governing body resolution, the municipality’s Chief Elected Official and Chief Financial Officer to both sign the grant application and that the CLG must accept the grant and administrative responsibility for it, the signatures of all to be certified, dated, and a raised seal affixed by the Municipal Clerk, attesting to the signatures, all of which must be in blue ink.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, as follows:

- (A) West Orange Mayor Robert D. Parisi shall be and hereby is authorized to make and execute an application for a NJ Department of Environmental Protection New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund CLG Grant-in-Aid from the State of New Jersey FFY 2021, in the amount of approximately \$50,000.00 to help fund the fifth and final of a series of five intensive-level surveys of some 200 properties in eleven (11) neighborhoods within the Township to complete the update of its earlier surveys done by and on behalf of the West Orange Historic Preservation Commission and to focus primarily on areas of the Township developed in the immediate post WWII period, an era receiving scant attention to date with respect to historic preservation;
- (B) If awarded, the Mayor shall be authorized to accept the grant and administrative responsibility for it, and to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$15,000.00 and not more than \$50,000.00; and
- (C) The Mayor shall be further authorized to execute any amendments to the grant agreement which do not increase the Grantee's obligations; and
- (D) The Chief Financial Officer of the Township of West Orange shall also be authorized to sign and shall sign the aforesaid grant application, the grant agreement and any amendments thereto requiring his signature; and
- (E) The Municipal Clerk shall be and hereby is authorized to certify, date and sign all of the aforementioned documents attesting to the signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer, and affixing her raised seal, all signatures to be in blue ink to comply with the grant application requirements; and
- (F) The Grantee Certified Local Government, the Township of West Orange, agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State and municipal laws, rules and regulations in its performance pursuant to the grant agreement.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption at the regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, on February 9, 2021.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Township Clerk

Cindy Matute-Brown
Council President

Adopted: February 9, 2021