

**RESOLUTION 2023 - 62**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG LEAP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$10 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**, the Borough of Hopatcong, Borough of Stanhope, Borough of Netcong, Borough of Mount Arlington, Borough of Wharton, Township of Byram, Township of Sparta, and Township of Andover 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 implement shared services for Animal Control and Shelter, which will benefit the residents of all participating local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hopatcong 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 Governing Body of the Borough of Mount Arlington, that the Borough of Mount Arlington does hereby join with Borough of Hopatcong in applying for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 to support implementation of this shared service.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** this to be a true and correct Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mount Arlington, and adopted on March 7, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew N. Bansch', written over a horizontal line.

Matthew N. Bansch, Borough Clerk