



**TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bart, E.	X			
Byrne, S.	X			
Jordan, L.	X			
Rothman, M.	X			
Campbell, R.	X			

**Resolution Number: R-33-2025
Dated: January 13, 2025
Offered By: CAMPBELL
Seconded By: BYRNE**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AUTHORIZING
THE FY 2025 LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT (LRIG)
APPLICATION FUNDED BY THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is offering the Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG); and

WHEREAS, The Local Recreation Improvement Grant is a competitive grant that supports improvement and repair of public recreation facilities including local parks, municipal recreation centers, and local stadiums; and

WHEREAS, ensuring public access to community facilities is imperative given the current strain on communities confronting the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, access to outdoor recreation and community resources is critical for mental and physical health, particularly for those residents with limited or no other access to quality outdoor space or private recreational opportunities. Assisting local units in achieving unmet recreational obligations addresses these equity considerations, meeting the needs of communities that have been placed under substantial stress due to the lack of quality recreational facilities and spaces; and

WHEREAS, Local Recreation Improvement Grant funds will be allocated to each grant recipient to help cover costs associated with updating community centers, playgrounds, pools, fields, walking or bicycle trails, rail trails, multi-sport courts, and recreational facilities; one-time personnel costs directly related to improvements; project development professional services costs; equipment costs including playground and recreation facilities equipment; and environmental remediation costs required to prepare recreation sites for use; and

WHEREAS, the Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) exists to: fund improvements to recreational facilities; provide quality outdoor recreational space to underserved, communities, particularly in this time

of heightened need; and assist local units in achieving unmet recreational obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Downe strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air, and water, improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Downe wishes to apply for funding through the NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant; and

WHEREAS, the NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant prioritizes unfunded projects and those that include a local match component; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Downe desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the NJDCA for approximately \$100,000 for improvements to the Playground at 912 Union Street; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

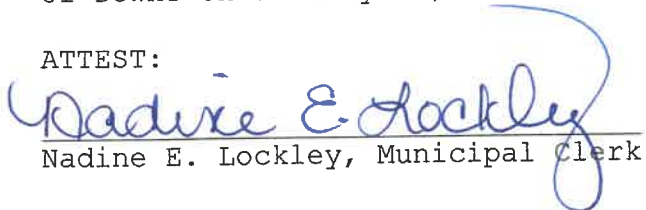
- 1) The Governing Body of the Township of Downe does hereby authorize the application for this NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant application; and
- 2) Recognizes and accepts that the NJDCA may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the NJDCA, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Township of Downe and the NJDCA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit a grant application for the NJDCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant on behalf of the Township of Downe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Downe and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

THIS RESOLUTION was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Downe on January 13, 2025.

ATTEST:


Nadine E. Lockley, Municipal Clerk


Michael L. Rothman, Mayor

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, **NADINE E. LOCKLEY, RMC, CMR**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Downe Township Committee of the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, at the Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Complex.

DATE

NADINE E. LOCKLEY, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk