

**RESOLUTION
Township of West Orange**

**Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the
Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program Grant Application**

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies across the country and worldwide are using body-worn cameras (BWCs) as a promising tool to improve law enforcement interaction with the public; and

WHEREAS, preliminary evidence indicates that the presence of BWCs helps strengthen accountability and transparency, and can assist in de-escalating conflicts, resulting in more constructive encounters between the police and members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Justice Assistance anticipates making 16 awards to law enforcement agencies within the Small Agency Category (fewer than 250 officers) for an estimated total of \$2,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, small-agency applicants may request no more than \$250,000.00 with the municipality providing a 50% cash match or in-kind contribution of goods and services that are directly related to the purpose for which the grant is awarded; and

WHEREAS, the West Orange Police Department proposes to submit a Body-Worn Pilot Implementation Program grant application for a BWC project totaling \$666,022.41; and

WHEREAS, the project total includes the purchase of 100 cameras with unlimited storage, docking stations, built-in technology upgrades, full maintenance on all hardware, and software access for a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, the continuity of long-term costs, such as data storage fees, will be the responsibility of the municipality;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, State of New Jersey, authorizes the Mayor of the Township of West Orange or his designee to submit the aforementioned Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program Grant Application.

Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk

Jerry Guarino, Council President

Adopted: June 9, 2015