

**Resolution of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the
2023 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program Application**

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic, and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange is participating in Sustainable Jersey; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of Sustainable Jersey is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created the 2023 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program to help increase energy efficiency for residents, businesses, and municipal facilities. This Program includes a Sustainable Jersey Start-up Grant funded by PSE&G in the amount of \$2,500 for first-time participants.

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Orange has determined that the Township apply for the aforementioned 2023 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program and \$2,500 Start-up Grant (one-time per municipality upon entering the Program).

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange, applying for the 2023 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program, will provide staff support for all activities related to the Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program, including providing outreach to help residents and local businesses save energy and lower their utility bills, lower emissions in municipal buildings, encourage community members to take advantage of energy efficiency incentive programs; and will

- Identify one or more staff to serve as primary contacts for Sustainable Jersey for the projects selected (e.g. outreach campaigns; energy efficiency in municipal facilities)
- Provide access to utility bills and other energy records as needed for the project (energy efficiency in municipal facilities)
- Commit to attend a virtual kick-off event and other virtual trainings (energy efficiency outreach campaigns)
- Provide support from relevant finance, facility, and other staff as needed for project implementation

NOW IT THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, State of New Jersey, authorizes submission of the aforementioned application to the 2023 Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program.

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

Tammy Williams
Council President

Adopted: December 19, 2023