

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY  
NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
LEAP CHALLENGE GRANT FY 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has appropriated \$2 million for Shared Services and Implementation, Challenge, and County Shared Services Coordinator Grants to assist local units with the study, development, and implementation of new shared and regional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has allocated \$150,000 within each county in Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) funds to promote innovation among peer local units across New Jersey, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) administers the LEAP grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the LEAP Challenge Grant exists to challenge municipalities and counties to collaborate on more extensive partnership and collaborations to produce efficiencies through shared services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of East Orange and the Township of West Orange have determined to apply for a LEAP Challenge Grant through the State of New Jersey Local Efficiency Achievement Program in the amount of \$150,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of East Orange has agreed to be the lead agency in this program; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has made LEAP Grants available to assist local units to study, develop, and implement new shared services initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the project submitted in this grant application is intended to provide benefits to the participant local units' residents through the sharing of consolidated DPW shared services to improve the overall efficiency of operations for each municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of East Orange, that the City of East Orange does hereby join with the Township of West Orange in applying for a LEAP challenge grant to support undertaking this endeavor.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Cynthia Brown, City Clerk of the City of East Orange in the County of Essex, and the State of New Jersey do hereby Certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Original Resolution duly passed and adopted by a majority of the full membership of the City of East Orange at its meeting of [REDACTED].

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