

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN THE ESSEX COUNTY
URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR
FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2027-2029 (OCTOBER 1, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2029)**

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Essex under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, commonly known as the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); and

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Essex under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; commonly known as the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME); and

WHEREAS, substantial Federal funds are provided to the County of Essex through Subtitle B of Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act are allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living, commonly known as the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG)

WHEREAS, the current Uniform Shared Services and Consolidated Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) provides a mechanism through which counties and municipalities may enter into agreements for the provision of joint services; and

WHEREAS, by July 8, 2026, each municipality must notify the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs noted above as part of the Urban County Requalification Process; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of West Orange and its residents to participate in said entitlement programs; and.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange desires to renew its participation in the Essex Urban County for conducting certain community development activities for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2029 (October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2029); and

WHEREAS, a letter has been drafted by the Mayor to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development notifying the County of the Township/Village/City's desire to renew its inclusion as a participant municipality in the Essex Urban County entitlement program for Federal Fiscal Years 2027 to 2029 (October 1, 2026- September 30, 2029) and for successive three (3) year periods, as provided in the Housing and Community Development Act, until terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange and the Essex Urban County desire to enter into a Cooperation Agreement for Federal Fiscal Years 2027-2029 (October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2029) which authorizes the automatic renewal of the agreement for successive qualification periods of three years, and shall remain in effect at least until the CDBG, ESG and

HOME funds from each of the federal fiscal years of the agreement's specified qualification period, and each successive qualification period for which the agreement is renewed, are expended and the funded activities completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange, that it hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the Cooperation Agreement in a substantially similar form as attached hereto and in accordance with the provisions of law, subject to Township Attorney review; for the Federal Fiscal Years 2027 to 2029 (October 1, 2026- September 30, 2029), and for successive three (3) year periods, as provided in the Housing and Community Development Act, until terminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and a copy to this resolution be forwarded to the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development no later than July 31, 2026.

APPROVED, this 7th day of July, 2026

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

Susan Scarpa,
Council President