

Resolution In Support Of Ulster County's Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition (MCEC) Application

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York, through the New York State Department of State, has issued a request for applications for a Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition (MCEC) grant; and

WHEREAS, this competitive grant offers the winning applicants a total grant not to exceed \$19,700,000 to facilitate the implementation of the consolidation and efficiency plan; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications to be lead applicant require a municipality to either be a city, town or village with a population of over 50,000, or a County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has qualified among six municipalities eligible to compete for Phase II of the MCEC and submit an application; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has administrative and technical experience in consolidating government functions, developing and/or implementing shared services, and other collaborative government efficiency projects and is qualified to be a lead applicant in this competition; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz, has expressed interest in participating among the consortium of Ulster County local governments in the competitive grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz, has expressed interest in exploring an enhanced shared facilities [agreement](#) between the Town and Village of New Paltz as part of the MCEC application; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz, has expressed interest in exploring an enhanced shared services agreement relating to buildings and grounds, and water and sewer services, between the Town and Village of New Paltz as part of the MCEC application; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz, has expressed interest in exploring an enhanced shared services agreement relating to MS4 services, between the County of Ulster as part of the MCEC application; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz commits to ~~utilize~~[utilizing](#) citizen input and involvement along with significant outreach to our residents as the potential costs and benefits of consolidation, shared services, and shared facilities are evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Paltz is committed to saving Town taxpayers money and preserving the quality of life for residents as an enhanced shared services agreement, consolidation of departments, and/or shared facilities is implemented; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Town of New Paltz expresses its support for participating in the Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency application, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to assist Ulster County in the grant application process and moves its adoption.