

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL/SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section 3.02 of the Putnam County Charter vests the County Executive with the authority to prepare and execute the Putnam County Budget in accordance with the appropriations made by the Putnam County Legislature and appoint executive committees to assist in exercising in the administration of executive programs; and

WHEREAS, the County generally provides funding to municipalities as specifically allocated and appropriated through the adoption of the municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, funding provided through County Government belongs to all citizens of the County and must be provided with the best interest of the County taxpayers and communities in mind; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and his administration have also determined that it is in the best interest of the County taxpayers and communities to offer a competitive grant program to provide financial support to local initiatives that champion community priorities and improvements for municipalities; general shared services that result in cost savings with a focus on redevelopment and improvements to existing municipal buildings and facilities; Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility improvements at government facilities; critical improvements to infrastructure; and enhancements to agency capacity and capability; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has expounded upon his concepts for a competitive municipal grant program in the “Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) Program Information and Guidance,” a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule “A”; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive will create an MPI Review Committee to review the applications and make preliminary recommendations to the County Executive for final review and approval, consisting of a designated representative from: Department of Public Works; Planning Department; Purchasing Department; Finance Department; Auditing Department; the Chair of the Legislature or designee; and the Senior Minority Member of Legislature or designee; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature agrees that these programs are in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports the County Executive’s creation of the Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2024, the MPI Program, as particularized in the “Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) Program Information and Guidance,” shall be the established methodology for awarding and administering competitive grant dollars for the sake of encouraging intergovernmental collaboration and shared services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature will include funding components in the 2024 County Budget for the MPI Programs.