

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX**

RESOLUTION NO. _____ **AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION:** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(n)

PROPOSED BY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE **AUTHORITY FOR ACTION:** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-36(i)

SUBJECT:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATION, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES - ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF INTENT FOR SFY 2024 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE - MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$343,414.00

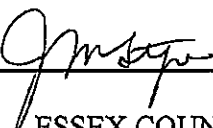
WHEREAS, the Essex County Department of Health and Rehabilitation, Division of Community Health Services has received a Letter of Intent for SFY 2024 Municipal Alliance Grant from the State of New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse - Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$343,414.00; and

WHEREAS, said Letter of Intent has been presented by the County Executive to the Board of County Commissioners for its acceptance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Essex as follows:

1. That the Acceptance of Letter of Intent for SFY 2024 Municipal Alliance Grant from the State of New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse - Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$343,414.00 is hereby accepted and approved.
2. That the County Executive is authorized to execute such Letter of Intent Grant Agreement Documents on behalf of the County as may be required by said grant.

3. That the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners forward two (2) certified copies of this resolution to Eileen Fishman, Director, Division of Community Health Services.

Approved as to form and legality  Date 12/19/22
ESSEX COUNTY COUNSEL

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Commissioner _____
Second by Commissioner _____

Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
Cooper					Mercado				
Gill					Pomares, V.P.				
Graham					Richardson, Pres.				
Johnson					Sebold				
Luciano									

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____.

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Wayne L. Richardson, President

2024 Letter of Intent / Municipal Alliance
12/15/2022

To: Robert D. Jackson, County Administrator

DEPARTMENT: Health & Rehabilitation

From: Eileen Fishman, Director

DIVISION: Community Health Services

Date: November 15, 2022

Re: **Acceptance of the Letter of Intent for SFY 2024 Municipal Alliance Grant, from the State of New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse Municipal Alliance Grant in the amount of \$343,414.00 for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**

INTRODUCTION

The New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) announced its intent to provide the Essex County Municipal Alliance a grant for State Fiscal Year 2024 for support of the Alliance Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program.

The allocation of \$343,414.00 by GCADA to Essex County Municipal Alliance as described in the Letter of Intent is based on a Drug Enforcement Demand Reduction Fund (DEDR) formula contained in the legislation. The program year will be valid for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the County accept the Letter of Intent SFY 2024.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Acceptance of this Letter of Intent will enable the Essex County Municipal Alliance to submit the SFY 2024 Municipal Alliance Plan and complete the approval process by the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding is provided by the State of New Jersey Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) through mandatory Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction (DEDR) penalties, collections, dispositions, and suspensions.

ALTERNATIVES

To deny the acceptance would delay the County's planning timeline, postpone Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse review of the Essex County Alliance Plan, and defer the approval process.

CONCLUSION

The Essex County Municipal Alliance Program is critical in providing prevention and education activities to the citizens of Essex County of all ages in the area of alcohol and drug abuse. Accepting the Letter of Intent will allow the Essex County Municipal Alliance to continue the planning process as required by GCADA.



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FY 2024 LETTER OF INTENT

October 11, 2022

Eileen Fishman
Essex County Div. of Community Health Services
50 South Clinton Street – Suite 4301
East Orange, NJ 07018

Dear Eileen Fishman:

The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA) announcing its intention to provide a grant to Essex County for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Program. The allocation for FY 2024 per formula from the Drug Enforcement Demand Reduction (DEDR) Fund, including coordination funds, is **\$343,414.00**.

The grant period will begin July 1, 2023 and continue through June 30, 2024. This letter of intent is contingent upon the availability of funds and is subject to the rules of the New Jersey Department of Treasury.

County coordination funds are included in your funding formula award. Counties may take up to 15% of their DEDR award with a minimum of \$70,000. The total amount of coordination funds available for your county for FY 2024 is **\$70,000**. County spending plans will be approved by the GCADA in accordance with established grant guidelines.

Up to 5% of DEDR funds up to a maximum of \$20,000, may be used for countywide activities. These activities should focus on training for the Municipal Alliances and community partners. The trainings and activities chosen must benefit the county-at-large and are held at the County's discretion. The maximum amount of countywide training funds available for your county for FY 2024 is **\$17,170.70**.

Counties will only be permitted to contract with Municipal Alliances that attended the required GCADA trainings on the needs assessment and strategic planning process. Refer to the



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enclosed "Guidelines for Distributing Funds from Non-Participating Municipalities" for assistance with reallocating funds from municipalities that are not participating for FY 2024.

All funds will be reimbursed to the counties after receipt and acceptance of the required expenditure reports, programmatic reports and vouchers including supporting backup documentation.

The submission and approval of the County Alliance Plan within the Municipal Alliance Grant System (MAGS) online grant management system, including a detailed budget for county coordination and countywide activities, will be required to access these funds. **Plans must be submitted to GCADA through the Municipal Alliance Grant System (MAGS) by April 28, 2023.** *Plans received past the due date will not be assured of approval by July 2023.*

Please be advised that no County Alliance Plan will be reviewed or presented to the full Council for approval if the County is not up to date with its expenditure and programmatic reports for the prior grant term.

The County's continued cooperation and support are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Celina Levy
Executive Director

C: Elizabeth Marques, Essex County Alliance Coordinator
Kristin Boniface
Sara Thode