

RESOLUTION
of the
BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE
Resolution No. 2015-177

Council Meeting Date: 04-27-2015

Date Adopted: 04-27-2015

TITLE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO UNION COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND MUNICIPAL AID GRANT FOR PROGRAM FOR 2015.

Councilperson Galluccio submitted the following resolution, which was duly seconded by Councilperson Muñoz.

WHEREAS, the County of Union is offering a grant program for Infrastructure and municipal aid for local improvements, and;

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed for grant funding will include economic development and recreation activities in an estimated mount of \$210,000, and;

WHEREAS, the grant requires 50% matching funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of New Providence in the County of Union, hereby supports the Union County Grant Application for Infrastructure and Municipal Aid for 2015.

APPROVED, this 27th day of April, 2015.

RECORD OF VOTE

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
GALLUCCIO	X			
GENNARO	X			
KAPNER	X			
MADDEN	X			
MUÑOZ	X			
ROBINSON	X			
MORGAN			TO BREAK COUNCIL TIE VOTE	

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Borough Council held on the 27th day of April, 2015.

Wendi B. Barry, Borough Clerk

2015 Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Application



A Service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders

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Program Objective

Through the Infrastructure and Municipal Aid grant initiative, a total of \$1,500,000.00 will be made available to the twenty-one municipalities in the County of Union. The sale of the county-owned Runnells Hospital provided funds, from which the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has chosen to make this grant available.

This initiative has a goal of providing assistance that will stimulate the development of public projects of economic, social, transportation and governmental importance to local municipalities.+

The Infrastructure and Municipal Aid grant is a matching grant, and will assist in expanding the ability of municipalities to accomplish tasks undertaken in calendar year 2015.

Some examples of projects eligible for this grant are:

1. Downtown Development Projects
2. Economic Development Plans
3. Large and small scale construction projects
4. Engineering and Architectural plans
5. General Financing of Construction Projects/Bond Insurance
6. Community Enhancement projects
7. Master Plans/Feasibility Studies/Transportation Plans
8. Child Care/Senior Care Infrastructure Projects
9. Road Work, including pothole repair and structural enhancements

Program Timelines and Grant Information

1. Each of the twenty-one municipalities may apply for one or more projects.
2. Projects must be current initiatives, and all funding awarded must be expended by December 31, 2015.
3. The application period will be limited to 30 days, commencing on April 16, 2015 and concluding on May 18, 2015.
4. The review and selection period will follow, and award notification will occur within 30 days of the submission deadline. Grant projects accepted will receive verbal notification and a written grant commitment in the form of a letter from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. A formal Grant Agreement between the County of Union and the Municipality will follow.
5. Projects will be chosen based on need, scope, population served and readiness to proceed.
6. Funds awarded through this grant must be matched dollar for dollar by the municipality. All matching funds must be specifically related to the proposed project. It is critical to note that all matching funds must be incurred and expended in Calendar Year 2015.
7. Matching dollars may come from various sources, such as in-kind services, municipal budget, donor, State of New Jersey or other federal and state aid. These sources must be listed on the original grant application to qualify as matching funds.
8. Matching dollars may not come from any other county source of funding.
9. Grantees must adhere to the proposed project timelines. The grant period commences when the Union County Law Department executes the contracts.
10. All grant applications will be reviewed by the Freeholder's Fiscal Standing Committee, and are subject to final approval by the Freeholder Standing Committee in addition to a vote by the full body of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
11. The funding request cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost, and cannot be used for staff or municipal salaries.

Certification of Matching Funds

I, , the Chief Financial Officer for (municipality) certify available matching funds in the amount of in compliance with the Union County Infrastructure and Municipal Aid grant program.

Signature

Date

Chief Financial Officer's Information:

Full Name:

Phone Number

E-Mail Address:

Certification of Application

I, (mayor or business administrator only) hereby certify that the information provided within this application form is complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

Infrastructure and Municipal Aid Grant Application

Municipality:	Borough of New Providence
Mailing Address:	360 Elkwood Avenue
Project Contact:	Cindy Reis, DID Manager
Project Contact's Phone Number:	908-665-1400
Project Contact's Fax Number:	908-665-9272
Project Contact's E-mail Address:	cindy.reis@newprov.org
Federal Identification Number:	22-6002132
Fiscal/Calendar Year:	Calendar
Finance Officer's Full Name:	Kenneth DeRoberts
Finance Officer's Contact Information:	908-665-1400

As a representative of (municipality),
I hereby authorize the project submitted for this proposed Infrastructure and Municipal Aid grant.

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Signature	Date

<input type="text" value="Douglas R. Marvin"/>	<input type="text" value="4/27/2015"/>
Full Name (print)	Date

<input type="text" value="Borough Administrator"/>
Title

<input type="text" value="\$210,000"/>	<input type="text" value="\$105,000"/>	<input type="text" value="\$105,000"/>
Total Project Cost	Requested Grant Amount:	Matching Dollar Amount

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Grant Request
Union County Municipal Aid and Infrastructure Application

The Borough of New Providence has been actively revitalizing our downtown business district, in order to spur economic development within our community. Our initial downtown revitalization occurred in 2006 with a \$1,600,000 streetscape project. We plan to continue those efforts in 2015 with a \$500,000 Phase II of that downtown streetscape project.

Redevelopment within the downtown serves as an impetus for our business owners to continue investing locally. In our view, New Providence has an obligation to enhance the overall experience for our residents, visitors, and merchants, and is taking specific actions to achieve these goals.

1. Considerable work has already been completed within the business district. The New Providence Economic Development Committee and Borough Council have engaged our Professional Planner to develop a vision for the business district. Their plan (attached) calls for some specific short-term actions that will provide significant benefit to the district. As a means to support the New Providence Downtown Concept Plan, we recently hired a manager for our Business District. Some of her goals include working toward improvements suggested in the plan:
 - a. Consolidating dumpsters and recycling areas
 - b. Sharing parking areas
 - c. Improving pedestrian safety within the district

We believe that investing in this effort will bring meaningful results and improve the overall appearance, functionality and safety within the district. As a first step, a cooperative program that revitalizes the parking lots within the business district by filling pot holes, milling and paving where necessary, and restriping all parking stalls (both in the parking lots and on the streets) would help us achieve our goals. We expect this project will cost **\$75,000**.

2. A federal grant that we received for the streetscape project specifically excludes certain work within the district. For example, we urgently need to replace our Community Bulletin Board, located at the four-corners of our central business district, with an electronic bulletin board. This is vital to the overall downtown experience, since so many of our residents and visitors rely on this source of information to learn about what is happening in and around New Providence. In addition, we would like to expand the functionality of this bulletin board by including important community messages from our Office of Emergency Management. A second electronic bulletin board is envisioned at the New Providence Municipal Center, located at the corner of Springfield Avenue and Academy Street. Cut sheet attached. **Estimate \$60,000**

3. Welcoming visitors to our business district will enhance the warm and friendly environment of the business community. We envision *"Welcome to the New Providence Business District"* signs posted at each entrance to the district – two on Springfield Avenue, one on South Street and one Passaic Street. In addition, a wayfinding signage program on the outskirts of the business district would help direct visitors to our business district. **Estimate \$25,000**

4. We will engage an engineering firm to conduct an environmental impact study to consider a "River Walk" project along the west side of South Street, between Springfield Avenue and Provident Savings Bank. The purpose of the study is to determine the environmental feasibility of expanding existing parking areas and adding a "River Walk" that will connect our business district with the recreation areas of the Tennis Courts, Community Pool (with newly lit basketball courts), Miller Field (at the High School), and Jaycees Park. **Estimate \$25,000**

5. Finally, recreation facilities improvements have been a high priority for New Providence. We recently invested in two large projects – one at Hillview Field and one at Lincoln Field. At Lincoln field, we have identified the need for additional fencing that would prevent soccer balls from leaving the field area and going into a nearby creek. **Estimate \$25,000**

We estimate that the total cost associated with these projects is \$210,000 and respectfully request \$105,000 grant from the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Conditions of Award

1. All recipients of grant dollars will be required to post signage acknowledging the County of Union's participation, dependent upon the type of project funded. Each will be discussed prior to confirmation of Grant Agreement between the County of Union and the Municipality.
2. All recipients of grant dollars will be subject to monitoring visits by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders staff.
3. All recipients of grant dollars shall be required to enter into an agreement prepared by the Union County Law Department. Said agreement shall provide that all funding provided through this grant shall be dedicated to the improvement of the infrastructure and/or enhancement of the business districts in said municipality.
4. Should it be determined by the County that funds granted pursuant to this agreement are not being so dedicated by the applicant, and then in that event, the County will require reimbursement of all amounts so granted. This provision applies to any present or future violations.

Submission:

William Reyes, Jr., Deputy County Manager/Director
Department of Economic Development and Engineering
Union County Administration Building
10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th floor
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07207

Please return no later than May 18, 2015