

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-57

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT
GRANT FROM NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs established the Local Recreation Improvement Grant to support improvement and repair of public recreational facilities including, local parks, municipal recreation centers and local stadiums; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Florence acknowledges the need to construct two or more Pickleball Courts to be located at Veterans Park across the path from the existing basketball courts, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Florence approves the submission of an application for a Local Recreation Improvement Grant for the purpose of constructing Pickleball Courts; and

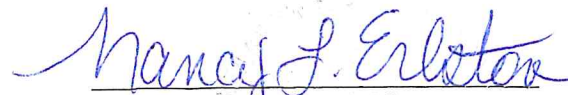
WHEREAS, the Township of Florence is the owner of and controls the project site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Council of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, **THAT**:

Martin Eckert, Township Recreation Director, is authorized to (a) make an application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Local Recreation Improvement Grant and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent of the above-named municipality;

CERTIFICATION:

I, **NANCY L. ERLSTON**, Clerk of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Florence at a meeting held on the 7th day of February, 2024. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunder set my hand and official seal of the municipality this 7th day of February 2024.



Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk

Note: This authorizes the application of a Local Recreation Improvement grant for the construction of Pickleball Courts.

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MEMORANDUM: February 6, 2024

TO: Mayor Kristan Marter & Members of Florence Township Council

FROM: Martin Eckert, Jr

SUBJECT: FY 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant

Mayor Marter & Members of Florence Township Council

The State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has released the application period for those interested in submitting for consideration to be awarded funds in support of local recreation improvement. Funds awarded may reach a maximum amount of \$100,000 and must be specifically dedicated to support the improvement outlined within the grant application.

As a matter of reference, the following local recreation improvement grants have been awarded to Florence Township in recent years:

- FY 2021 Local Recreation Improvement Grant - \$70,000.00 (Former PW Garage Repurposing)
- FY 2023 Local Recreation Improvement Grant - \$78,000.00 (Wilkie Park Tennis Court Remediation)

It is the recommendation of the Florence Township Recreation Department to consider supporting the following project for the FY 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant:

- Construction of two or more Pickleball Courts to be located at Veterans Park across the path from the existing basketball courts.

This recommendation supports the continued growing interest expressed by the public. As our community continues to evolve, our offerings aid in maintaining the balance of options for residents of all ages. Pickleball traditionally has been geared towards active adults, however the sport in recent years has gained popularity and has been introduced in high school gym classes throughout the country. The submission deadline for the 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant is Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Township Resolution is required upon submittal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin Eckert Jr.
Recreation Director