

**City of Berlin  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing the Berlin Police Commission to apply for and receive grant funds from the Department of Justice, FY 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA).

**Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as Follows:**

WHEREAS, the LEMHWA provides funding with no required match to local law enforcement agencies to improve the delivery and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement officers through the implementation of peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other promising practices for wellness programs, and

WHEREAS, the stressors of law enforcement work have been shown to lead to fatigue, impaired mental and physical abilities, limited job performance, and can cause damage to overall health, and

WHEREAS, exercise can provide stress relief for the body, improving your cardiovascular, digestive and immune systems, and

WHEREAS, the officers of the Berlin Police Department and the community at large, would benefit from the officers having access to a more robust and better equipped in-house fitness center, and

WHEREAS, the LEMHWA provides funding with no required match to local law enforcement agencies to implement and improve community policing programs, such as a law enforcement comfort dog program, and

WHEREAS, comfort dogs in police work can aid in de-escalating strenuous situations, form a bridge and bond with community members who are suffering from emotional distress, help alleviate tension in children who are involved in criminal investigations and who are likely to be fearful and intimidated by a uniformed police officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berlin, NH, that the Berlin Police Commission is authorized to apply for and receive grant funds from the Department of Justice, FY 2023 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act. Said funds granted to the City of Berlin will be used for the purpose of meeting the expenses directly included in the purpose of the grant during Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024. Be it further resolved that the City Manager is authorized to sign the grant documents and execute all things necessary to effectuate the grant.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Honorable Mayor Paul Grenier

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shelli Fortin, City Clerk