

**A RESOLUTION
2024-14**



**City of Berlin
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four

A **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Berlin Police Commission to apply for and receive grant funds in the amount of \$355,000 from the FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Funds.

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

WHEREAS effective communications are vital to provide interoperable communications to Emergency Responders; and

WHEREAS our jurisdiction covers a vast area in Coos County where there are logistical challenges, in that, our communications system requires coverage for almost 200 square miles, over mountainous terrain, and we rely heavily on North Country area public safety departments; and

WHEREAS the current radio equipment is over twenty years old and many components have become obsolete; and

WHEREAS this funding will be used to replace all of the radio system equipment infrastructure, except the tower, to improve operational coordination for the City of Berlin's public safety departments; and

WHEREAS this system will allow for interoperable emergency communications from the dispatch phase of the call to the ground operations of multiple public safety agencies and all of our mutual aid partners; and

WHEREAS the new equipment and technology will bolster and solidify the national preparedness with all the partners we work with in the North Country; and

WHEREAS this communications equipment replacement will support several FEMA Core Capabilities, such as Operational Communications, Operational Coordination, Search and Detection, Physical Protective Measures, Situation Assessment, Fire Management and Suppression, Mass Search and Rescue Operations, On-scene Security, Emergency Medical Services.

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 Office of Senator Jeanne Shaheen FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Funds. Said funds granted to the City of Berlin will be used for the purchase of radio equipment during FY 2025/2026. Be it further resolved that the City Manager is authorized to sign the grant documents and execute all things necessary to carry out this project.

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

PASSED: _____
Date

APPROVED: _____
Robert Cone, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shelli Fortin, City Clerk