

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

RESOLUTION NO. NP23-50

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND SOLICITATION OF
PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS FOR A LICENSED CLINICIAN TO PROVIDE
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE RED BANK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank (the "Borough") joined with other municipalities, counties, and public agencies in a class-action lawsuit against the manufacturers and purveyors of opiate-based pharmaceuticals seeking recovery of the public costs and taxpayer losses associated with government responses to the American opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, a settlement was recently reached in the class-action lawsuit whereunder the Borough is entitled to receive certain payments from a fund established by the defendant pharmaceutical companies to compensate public agencies for their past costs and to fund the implementation of new programs to combat the still-ongoing American opioid epidemic; and

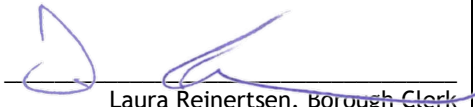
WHEREAS, the Borough desires to utilize these funds to award a professional services contract to establish a community crisis response to 911 and other calls to Borough government where substance abuse, addiction, mental and/or behavioral health are the reported issues, for the purpose of helping Red Bank residents access needed professional assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Red Bank Police Department has identified these types of calls as comprising a distinct portion of all calls for service; and

WHEREAS, the Borough finds that many of these calls do not involve a direct threat to individual or public safety, and that trained mental health, social services, and/or emergency medical professionals may be best equipped to render such help; and

WHEREAS, a number of municipalities have already established this type of program which both free police resources for other duties and provide effective intervention, better serving residents in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK that the Borough Manager is hereby directed and authorized to advertise a Request for Qualifications for the professional services of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker to provide support and assistance to the Red Bank Police Department in responding to certain calls for service involving substance abuse, addiction, mental and/or behavioral health.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	<p>I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, In the County of Monmouth at a Meeting held on August 10, 2023.</p>  <p>Laura Reinertsen, Borough Clerk</p>
Councilmember Bonatakis			x				
Councilmember Cassidy			x				
Councilmember Facey-Blackwood		x	x				
Councilmember Forest			x				
Councilmember Jannone			x				
Councilmember Triggiano	x		x				
Mayor Portman			x				
ON CONSENT AGENDA	Yes	x		No			