

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-52

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION (REPI) GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the US Department of Defense (USDOD) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) related to the 2022 Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program Challenge grant; and

WHEREAS, the REPI grant may provide up to \$40 million in FY22 funding for land conservation, improvement, or management activities that limit incompatible development in the vicinity of DoD installations and ranges; enhance military installation resilience to climate change or extreme weather events; or relieve current or anticipated environmental restrictions in support of key mission capabilities of strategic importance; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Aberdeen submitted a pre-proposal in November 2021 in partnership with Monmouth University with two (2) other projects and the pre-proposal project was selected to submit a full proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Aberdeen's proposed project for funding through the REPI program includes a nature-based "green infrastructure" approach to increase coastal storm protection and climate resiliency at Cliffwood Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Cliffwood Beach Improvements Project may include re-establishing a dune and maritime forest, beach replenishment, and groin extension, among other necessary work; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost, including soft costs and construction for the Cliffwood Beach Improvements project is \$3,494,000□; and

WHEREAS, a fifty percent (50%) match to the total project cost, in cash or in-kind services, is required; and

WHEREAS, the phases of the project that are applied for through the grant and the total project cost and amount of match required may be adjusted for the final full proposal;

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Township of Aberdeen has determined that Township of Aberdeen should apply for the aforementioned REPI program; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of Township of Aberdeen, State of New Jersey, authorizes the submission of the aforementioned full proposal to the USDOD Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Grant program.