

**TOWN OF RICHMOND, RHODE ISLAND**  
**Town Council Resolution # 2023-8**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FY 2024 PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Municipalities have seen an influx of federal aid to support our economic recovery from COVID-19, those funds are intended to support our communities through the new challenges they are facing; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2022 and FY 2023, approximately \$3.5 million was allocated to the Municipal Infrastructure Grant program, for the first time since the program was established in 2017.; and

WHEREAS, In the first round of funding proposals, 17 municipalities requested almost \$8.5 million dollars from this program across 24 project proposals; and

WHEREAS, many communities are interested in securing Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) funds but are lacking matching funds to be seen as competitive nationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Richmond strongly encourages the General Assembly to approve the FY 2024 proposed Municipal Roads Program for \$20.0 million so cities and towns can complete road, sidewalk, and bridge projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Richmond strongly encourages the General Assembly to identify an annual source of funding for the Municipal Roads Program similar to Massachusetts "Chapter 90" program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Richmond strongly encourages the General Assembly to approve the FY 2024 proposed Municipal Infrastructure Matching Pool for \$5.5 million to support municipalities applying for IIJA funds, but lack local matching funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Richmond strongly encourages the General Assembly to support municipal infrastructure and resilience projects by allocating \$30.0 million to the Municipal Infrastructure Grant program for two years as it is critical to expanding the housing stock across the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following motion was made on May 2, 2023:

**A motion was made by Councilor Sheehan, seconded by Councilor Colasante to approve the Amended Resolution in Support of FY 2024 Proposed Infrastructure Funds. Vote: President Trimmer, Aye; Vice President Nassaney, Aye; Councilor Sheehan, Aye; Councilor Colasante, Aye; Councilor Wilcox, Aye.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island Municipality, State Senators, State Representatives, the Governor and the Lt. Governor respectfully requesting their support.

**GIVEN UNDER THE SEAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY 2023.**

ATTEST:   
Erin F. Liese, Town Clerk

  
Mark Trimmer, Council President

