

**TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY ACCEPTING THE ANTICIPATED AWARD OF AN EDWARD J. BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (BJAG) FROM THE MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICY (GOCPP) UNDER APPLICATION NUMBER 2026-BJ-0035 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,000, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Town of Cottage City submitted an application to the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) for funding under the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) Program (Application No. 2026-BJ-0035 / Project Title: "Cottage City Enhance Communications Final") to enhance public safety and law enforcement communications capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been notified of the anticipated award of Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000.00) in BJAG funding, subject to the execution of all required grant documents and compliance with applicable grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be utilized to purchase three (3) Motorola APX NEXT portable public safety radios and related equipment (including programming, accessories, and implementation costs) to replace aging communications equipment, improve officer safety, strengthen interoperability with neighboring law enforcement agencies, and enhance emergency response capabilities; and

WHEREAS, no local cash or in-kind match is required under the approved application; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners find that modern, reliable communications equipment is essential to protecting the safety of police officers and the public, improving coordinated responses to emergencies, and ensuring compatibility with regional public safety communications systems; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to authorize the Town Manager to execute all agreements and take all administrative actions necessary to accept, administer, implement, and close out the grant in accordance with all applicable federal and State requirements and the terms of the approved grant application and award documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Town of Cottage City that:

1. The Town hereby accepts the anticipated Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) award administered by the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) under Application Number 2026-BJ-0035 in the amount of Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000.00), subject to final execution of all grant documents.

2. The Town Manager is authorized and directed to execute all grant agreements, certifications, assurances, amendments, reimbursement requests, procurement documents, contracts, change orders, closeout documents, and any other documents necessary to accept, administer, implement, and complete the grant in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and grant conditions.
3. Grant funds shall be utilized for the acquisition of three (3) Motorola APX NEXT portable radios, associated accessories, programming, and any other eligible costs consistent with the approved grant application and funding agreement.
4. The Commissioners find that the acquisition of modern public safety communications equipment will improve officer safety, operational effectiveness, interoperability with regional public safety partners, and the Town's ability to respond to emergencies and critical incidents.
5. The Town Manager is further authorized to take any additional actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution and to ensure timely implementation and completion of the project in accordance with the approved application, award documents, and all applicable grant conditions.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ATTEST:**

**TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND**

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John Hoatson, Town Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wanda Wheatley, Ward 3, Commissioner Chair

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Julia Salsich, Ward 1, Commissioner Secretary

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Joshua Durant, Ward 2, Commissioner

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Tom Campos, Ward 4, Commissioner Vice Chair

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John Brooks, At-Large, Commissioner

### CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on the 30th day of July, 2026, Resolution No. 2026-22, accepting the anticipated award of an Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) and making other resolutions, delegations and authorizations, as stated therein, was duly adopted by the Cottage City Commission of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, by a vote of \_\_\_\_ Aye, \_\_\_\_ Nay, and \_\_\_\_ Absent.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Hoatson, Town Manager