

Council Order: 2023-041

**Introduced by: Town Manager Brian Howard
June 26, 2023**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE SOUTH SHORE CONSORTIUM HOME PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Randolph, Massachusetts has determined that the health and welfare of its jurisdiction may benefit from increasing the availability of safe, affordable and standard housing; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Randolph has determined that providing safe, affordable, and standard housing will benefit work force productivity and area economic development; and

WHEREAS, a cooperative approach to providing housing in the south shore region will avoid duplication of effort and promote more effective delivery of housing services; and

WHEREAS, a consortium of local governments may be entitled to receive funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, that they would be unqualified to receive individually, and

WHEREAS, Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act makes provisions whereby units of general local governments may enter into cooperation agreements and form consortia to undertake or assist in undertaking affordable housing pursuant to the HOME Program; and

WHEREAS, the South Shore HOME Consortium extended an invitation to the Town of Randolph to join with the South Shore HOME Consortium in its Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Randolph desires to participate with the South Shore HOME Consortium to undertake or assist in undertaking affordable housing under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Randolph hereby authorizes and approves of the following:

1. The Town of Randolph hereby elects to participate in the South Shore HOME Program. The Town Manager for the Town of Randolph is hereby authorized to take any actions reasonably necessary to participate in said Program and is specifically authorized to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the City of Quincy, the lead entity, for participation in this Program and for efforts relating to this Program, and for such successive qualification periods as may be applicable to the terms of said Cooperation Agreement; and
2. The Town Manager is further authorized to sign all documents, contracts, grant agreements, including certifications, as approved by the Town Attorney, with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or other agencies or entities as may be required to carry out the activities of the Consortium.