

**RESOLUTION R-2022-153
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution Authorizing an Application for the 2022
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Program*

WHEREAS, Council adopted the 2020 Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan on Oct. 13, 2020 following the document being drafted by staff, and official approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) being secured for the document on Sept. 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County and all its 76 municipalities must renew and improve upon their hazard mitigation plan and secure FEMA approval for the document every 5 years in order to remain eligible for federal pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation grants, including those grants preventing and mitigating the damage from flooding; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County and all its 76 municipalities must secure FEMA approval for an updated hazard mitigation plan by a deadline of Sept. 7, 2025 or lose such eligibility; and

WHEREAS, such plan updates have traditionally been spearheaded by Luzerne County's Department of Planning and Zoning on behalf of all its 76 municipalities for purposes of cost savings, efficiency, and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, this project has traditionally involved substantial coordination by County staff as well as the hiring of an expert consulting firm to help prepare the document update and secure the necessary governmental adoptions and approvals; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FEMA provides various grants to local governments passed through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA); and

WHEREAS, one recently-announced program named the 2022 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities ("BRIC 2022") grant provides funds to local governments to support "eligible... hazard mitigation projects" that can "come in the form of a plan" (2020 FEMA Mitigation Action Portfolio) if the local government can provide a 25% match.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Luzerne County hereby authorizes submission of an application to PEMA seeking \$100,000.00 in BRIC 2022 grant monies to defray the costs of hiring a consultant to help support development of a 2025 Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council of Luzerne County hereby commits up to \$25,000.00 of in-kind staff services as match for said project.


ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held on November 09, 2022.

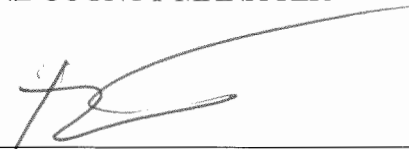
ROLL CALL VOTE (11-0)

YES: Bienias, Lescavage, Lombardo, McDermott, McGinley, Mitchell, Perry, Radle, Thornton, SJ Urban and Wolovich

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Kendra Radle, Chair

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER
By: 
Randy Robertson, County Manager