

**Explanation:** This resolution authorizes the submission of an application for the Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding Program.

**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION No. 2016-102**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bedminster has received an invitation to apply for funding under the “Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding Program and the Highlands Development Credit Purchase Program (N.J.A.C. 7:70); and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding Program is a matching grant program designed to support the acquisition of property for the protection of resources within the Highlands Region, and to further the land preservation goals of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act and the Highlands Regional Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council shall provide a maximum grant award of 50% of the total purchase price of the property and that applications will be considered for acquisition of property in fee simple or through conservation easements for any passive recreation or conservation purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bedminster participated in the IRS public auction of property on May 19, 2016, and was the successful bidder at \$1,875,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions of the auction provide the Estate of Mhyre with an opportunity to redeem the property for the sale price plus interest until November 14, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Bedminster will not acquire title until after the expiration of the redemption period on November 14, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, should the Estate not redeem the sale and Bedminster acquires title to the property, Bedminster has determined that a potential grant of \$937,500 should be applied towards the purchase of property located at 2100 Lamington Road, Bedminster Township (Block 41 Lot 4 and Lot 4.01), Somerset County, New Jersey with a total acreage of 62.936 acres.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster in the State of New Jersey formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Township of Bedminster and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**ATTEST:**

**BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judith A. Sullivan, RMC  
Township Clerk

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven E. Parker, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, JUDITH A. SULLIVAN, Clerk of the Township of Bedminster in the County of Somerset,  
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New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Bedminster at a regular meeting of said Township Committee held on September 6, 2016.

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Judith A. Sullivan, RMC, Township Clerk

<b>Introduced</b>	<b>Seconded</b>	<b>Township Committee</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
		<b>Steven E. Parker, Mayor</b>				
		<b>Bernie Pane</b>				
		<b>Lawrence F. Jacobs</b>				
		<b>Staci Santucci</b>				
		<b>Kenneth Olsen</b>				