

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 23-168

**IDENTIFYING SMALL CITIES FAIR HOUSING
AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER**

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Deerfield is applying for a Fiscal Year 2024 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant application(s) for (1) a Public Facilities fund application in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to implement a Phase 1 project to improve water, sewer and/or storm drainage facilities within the Hildreth Tract neighborhood and (2) a Housing Rehabilitation fund application in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to rehabilitate owner occupied homes throughout Upper Deerfield Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Deerfield must make efforts to affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Deerfield has reviewed various actions that would be acceptable to the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Upper Deerfield has made assurances in the grant agreement that;

1. It will comply with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and regulations issues thereto; and
2. It will comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations issued thereto it; and
3. It will comply with the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and will affirmatively further fair housing; and
4. It will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall be designated as the Small Cities Program Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer for the Township of Upper Deerfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Officer shall contact the USHUD Regional Office of Housing and Equal Opportunity and the NJ Division on Civil Rights, inform those agencies of his/her appointment as Fair Housing Officer and request Fair Housing Information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fair Housing Officer shall provide fair housing advisory services and assistance and referral advice to persons requesting such assistance from the Township of Upper Deerfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Upper Deerfield will publish in the local newspaper of record and post at the Township Municipal Building a public notice announcing the appointment of the Fair Housing Officer and the availability of local fair housing advisory services.

Moved By: Scott Smith

Seconded By: Thomas Speranza

VOTING
 James P. Crilley
 John L. Daddario
 Scott Smith
 Thomas Speranza
 Joseph Spoltore

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held November 2, 2023.

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk