

Town of Lewiston
Niagara County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium
No. 2016 - 17

WHEREAS, the Greater Niagara Orleans County Municipal Health Insurance Consortium Study consists of twenty-six municipal entities throughout Niagara and Orleans Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium's goal is to reduce overall health care costs to municipalities through purchasing health insurance jointly; and

WHEREAS, an initial comprehensive review was completed by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. showing that significant savings would accompany the joint purchasing of health insurance through the Consortium, thereby reducing the overall operating costs to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium, if adopted, should provide relief to taxpayers through efficiency and leverage provided by the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, by consensus vote of the Consortium Ad Hoc Committee comprised of participating municipalities, it was directed that the Town of Somerset as lead agency for the participating members apply for a \$250,000.00 grant from the New York State Department of State to further study the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the twelve towns in Niagara County, who are all participating members, in this project, each contributed \$417.00 to date towards the cost of the grant writer to pursue the state grant; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium was successful in that the state grant was awarded and the Town of Somerset was designated as the lead agency for administering the grant; and

WHEREAS, as a condition to the Department of State \$250,000.00 grant, the recipient must provide matching funds equal to 10% of the overall grant total; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset, as the lead agency, is responsible for providing the \$25,000.00 in matching funds as required by the New York State Department of State; and

WHEREAS, by consensus vote of the Consortium Ad Hoc Committee comprised of participating municipalities, it was agreed that participating municipalities would equally reimburse the Town of Somerset for the matching funds required to be paid by the Town of Somerset for this grant; and

WHEREAS, at this time and during the grant process, there is no obligation of any municipality to join the Consortium upon its final implementation; and

WHEREAS, in order to completely evaluate the full costs and benefits of a Consortium, it is essential that the grant project continue until its conclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset will seek reimbursement on a quarterly basis from the State for services and expenses rendered under this Grant, in which the State will deduct the matching grant portion; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset will then submit quarterly to each participating municipality a voucher for its portion of the matching grant share; and

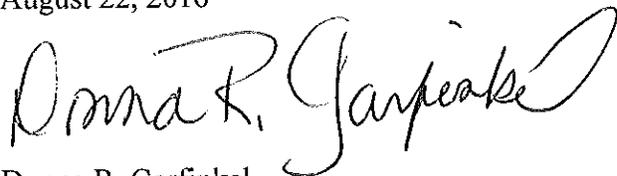
WHEREAS, this municipality is one of the entities participating in this project and will continue to benefit from the Consortium study and potential implementation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the spirit of cooperation, this municipal body agrees that the cost of the matching amount borne by the Town of Somerset shall be allocated amongst the current twenty-six participating municipalities in equal shares, with each Niagara County town who contributed towards the cost of the initial grant writer receiving a \$417.00 deduction from this equal share in order to ensure that each entity contributes an identical amount towards this worthy project; and be it further

RESOLVED, this municipal body does hereby authorize payment to reimburse the Town of Somerset in the amount not to exceed a total of \$737.00 over a two-year period in quarterly reimbursements not to exceed \$184.25 for our share of the grant matching funds for this worthy project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if any additional municipal entity joins this Consortium study, then this municipal body recognizes that the aforementioned reimbursements will be adjusted downward accordingly.

By Order Of The Town Board
August 22, 2016



Donna R. Garfinkel
Town Clerk

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