



## Legislation Text

File #: 24-0893, Version: 1

**Dept/ Agency:** Public Safety/Division of Fire

**Action:**  Ratifying  Authorizing  Amending

**Type of Service:** Shared Services Agreement

**Purpose:** To establish shared services among its municipal and county partners should the need arise to appropriately respond to a large-scale incident or multiple, simultaneous incidents throughout Essex County.

**Entity Name:** County of Essex

**Entity Address:** 900 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044

**Contract Amount:** \$0.00

**Other Funding Source/Amount:** \$0.00

**Contract Period:** July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

**Contract Basis:**  Bid  State Vendor  Prof. Ser.  EUS

Fair & Open  No Reportable Contributions  RFP  RFQ

Private Sale  Grant  Sub-recipient  n/a

**Additional Information:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark (“City”) is committed to ensuring public safety through the coordination of resources and cooperation with the County of Essex; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the County Environmental Health Act (N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 *et seq.*)(CEHA), the County of Essex (“County”) has adopted a CEHA Work Program and Plan for meeting environmental health performance standards throughout the County, which has been certified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection which includes hazardous materials emergency response within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes that it is in the best interests of its citizens and business community to ensure that emergency responses to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents teams are adequately staffed, well equipped and capable; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEHA allows the County Certified Local Health Agency to delineate responsibility for the implementation of its hazardous material emergency response program throughout the County and may rely upon the qualifications and capabilities of other local agencies to serve as subcontractors to the Certified Local Health Agency in a manner that complements and enhances its resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (“Fire Division”) Hazmat team has trained qualified personnel to carry out a hazardous material response program, the necessary equipment and expertise needed to carry out CEHA activities within Essex County relating to hazmat material emergency response; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Division and the County wish to establish a shared services agreement;

and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the CEHA and the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Division shall act as an agent of the Certified Local Health Agency, and shall provide hazardous materials emergency response services, including but not limited to equipment and properly trained personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the aforementioned Shared Services Agreement is to delineate the responsibilities of the County and the Fire Division to maximize municipal and county partners relationships between the parties.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

1. The Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designees, the Business Administrator and/or the Director of the Department of Public Safety, are authorized enter into and execute the attached Shared Service Agreement with the County of Essex, 900 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
2. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies adoption of the agreement to July 1, 2024.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Director of Local Government Services by the City Clerk.

### **STATEMENT**

This Resolution ratifies and authorizes the Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designees, the Business Administrator and/or the Director of the Department of Public Safety, are authorized enter into and execute the Shared Services Agreement with the County of Essex, 900 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.