

RESOLUTION 2026-140

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY OF THE CHATHAMS CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND COMMITTING TO A CONTRIBUTION IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.25 MILLION**

WHEREAS, since becoming a joint library in 1975, Library of the Chathams has provided services to the residents of Chatham Township and Chatham Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Library has conducted consumer research to ensure that the current services satisfy present needs as well as to identify emerging needs of the community including a Local History Room, study rooms, a Business Center, and a combination STEAM/Meeting Room; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees has developed a Strategic Plan to respond to existing and emerging patron needs and changes in technology and resources used by our residents; and

WHEREAS, the present configuration of building layout limits the library's ability to accommodate the increasing usage of current services and facilities, and impedes the introduction of new services in response to needs identified in the consumer research; and

WHEREAS, an engineering study in 2014 identified structural, operational, and environmental deficiencies related to HVAC and aging electrical equipment the present building requiring correction; and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees has engaged architects to develop a plan to repair and improve the existing Library to address these deficiencies (the "**Capital Improvements Project**"); and

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees seeks support and funding from Chatham Township and Chatham Borough, along with grant funds and donations in order to fund the cost of the Capital Improvements Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to formally support the Capital Improvements Project and commits to contributing an amount not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000.00) from the 2027 capital budget, subject to approval of the 2027 capital budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham supports the Capital Improvements Project and commits to contributing

an amount not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000.00)
from the 2027 capital budget, subject to approval of the 2027 capital budget.

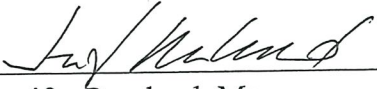
Adopted: July 14, 2026

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:



Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By 

Jennifer Rowland, Mayor