



**City of Berlin**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Berlin Police Commission to apply for and accept Two-Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$274,553.00) in grant funds from the NH Department of Safety under the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program and appropriating said funds to the Police Department for the purpose of the grant.

**Resolved by the City Council of the City of Berlin as Follows:**

WHEREAS Coös County encompasses 1,794 square miles, is comprised of many small towns and communities, has a population of approximately 32,000 people, and is home to several critical infrastructures, e.g., natural gas and crude oil pipelines, critical care facilities, biomass and hydro facilities; and

WHEREAS Berlin and Gorham are approximately 60 miles from the Canadian border, and terrorists who have been involved in previous attacks on the homeland have come through the Canadian border; and

WHEREAS domestic terrorism (e.g., Karl Draga incident) is a threat which often occurs in rural areas; and

WHEREAS by virtue of proximity, the Berlin-Gorham Emergency Response Team (ERT) will be called upon to enter areas of danger in the event of a domestic or international type terrorist incident; and

WHEREAS armored-type rescue vehicles are designed to assist in all of the aforementioned situations as well as CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive) incidents and are capable of off-road, tough terrain transportation of personnel and specialized equipment throughout Coös County; and

WHEREAS said rescue vehicle would render the ERT safely and effectively mission ready and capable of assisting surrounding towns and agencies in Coös County by providing the abilities to take action with a fast response time, gain access to remote areas throughout Coös County, and aid first responders in rescue missions without consideration of weather or terrain; and

WHEREAS use of such specialized equipment increases the ability of the ERT to safely resolve situations without injury or loss of life and will enhance agency interoperability, especially in response to a large-scale event or disaster; and

WHEREAS deployment of this vehicle to select sites during elevated threat levels will provide protection to critical infrastructure and strengthen potential vulnerabilities that would otherwise be lacking; and

WHEREAS the safety the North Country's citizens is imperative, and the State of New Hampshire recognizes the emergent need of an armored-type rescue vehicle for Coös County to ensure first responder and citizen safety in order to enhance state-wide recovery capabilities and strengthen critical infrastructure; and

**A RESOLUTION  
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WHEREAS funding for the purchase for said rescue vehicle is available through the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berlin, NH, that the Berlin Police Commission is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the NH Department of Safety for the 2014 Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase of an armored rescue vehicle; further that \$274,553.00 be appropriated to the Berlin Police Department for the purpose of effectuating said grant.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk