

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-131**

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, MUNICIPAL COURT, FINANCE OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF A MUNICIPAL ENHANCEMENT REVIEW PROGRAM (MERP) GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Englewood Cliffs is committed to maintaining efficient, transparent, and accountable municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has prepared a Request for Qualifications and Proposals (RFQ/P) seeking qualified consulting firms or individuals to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Borough's Municipal Police Department, Municipal Court, Finance Office, and Department of Public Works in order to assess organizational efficiency, operational effectiveness, fiscal management practices, and compliance with applicable laws and professional standards; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the evaluation is to provide the Governing Body and municipal administration with an independent, objective assessment and recommendations that may assist in strategic planning, operational improvements, and long-term organizational development; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the RFQ/P includes a comprehensive review of departmental operations and management practices, including but not limited to staffing levels, organizational structure, policy compliance, operational efficiency, fiscal controls, and service delivery models; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has applied for funding through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services Municipal Enhancement Review Program (MERP) to support the cost of such evaluation services; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ/P notes that participation in the MERP program requires that the consultant team include at least one professional licensed by the State of New Jersey in an applicable municipal discipline such as CMFO, PA, CPWM, RMC, or CTC.

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the advertisement of the RFQ/P so that the procurement process may proceed in a timely manner should the MERP grant be awarded.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Authorization _____ to _____ Advertise.
 The Borough Administrator, Qualified Purchasing Agent, and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to advertise and distribute the Request for Qualifications and Proposals for Comprehensive Evaluations of the Municipal Police Department, Municipal Court, Finance Office, and Department of Public Works.
2. Contingency _____ of _____ Grant _____ Award.
 The advertisement, solicitation, evaluation of proposals, and related procurement activities authorized herein shall be expressly contingent upon the Borough receiving funding through the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Municipal Enhancement Review Program (MERP). No contract shall be awarded unless such grant funding is received or the Governing Body separately authorizes an alternative funding source.
3. Compliance _____ with _____ Law.
 The procurement process shall be conducted in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and all applicable State regulations and Borough procurement policies.
4. Reservation _____ of _____ Rights.
 The Borough reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive minor informalities, and take such actions as deemed in the best interest of the Borough.
5. Effective _____ Date.
 This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

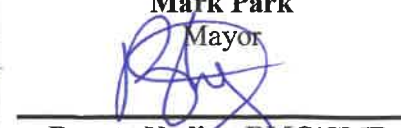
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution, consisting of 2 page(s), was adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, held on this 8th day of April 2026.

	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Biegacz		✓	✓	✓		
Liang		✓	✓	✓		
Patel		✓	✓	✓		
Kapsaskis	✓		✓	✓		
Lee			✓	✓		
Koutroubas						✓
Mayor Park						



Mark Park
 Mayor



Beauty Nadim, RMC/CMR
 Municipal Clerk