

8830. RESOLUTION 03-11 AMENDING THE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY. The Director presented the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Delaware River and Bay Authority (the Authority) is a bi-state agency with public crossing facilities and assets in the States of New Jersey and Delaware; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has a long history of supporting worthy non-profit charitable/community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has adopted a Community Contribution Policy which outlines the purpose of the program and process for the consideration of requests; and

WHEREAS the Authority is interested in establishing a clear policy that Community Contributions shall be allocated equally between the State of Delaware and the four southern counties in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is interested in establishing a policy of allocating a portion of Community Contributions annual funding for multi-year commitments and to encourage Executive staff and Authority Commissioners to work together to recommend charitable/community organizations for funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority's Community Contribution Policy is hereby amended as follows:

Section C of the **Introduction** entitled "**Geographic Focus**" shall cease to read as heretofore and shall hereafter read as follows: "The Authority supports causes that further its core mission and benefits citizens in the State of Delaware and the counties of Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem. Accordingly, Community Contributions shall be allocated equally between the State of Delaware and the State of New Jersey, within the counties of Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem.

Section B of the **Administrative Guidelines** entitled "**Budget Guidelines**" shall cease to read as heretofore and shall hereafter read as follows: The Authority adopts an annual operating budget which shall include an appropriate funding level for Community Contributions. As a general guide the Authority will not appropriate more than 1% of its total annual operating budget towards Community Contributions. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual budgeted allocation for Community Contributions shall be allocated for multi-year commitments to charitable/community organizations and/or projects recommended by Executive Staff and/or members of the Authority's Board of Commissioners.

On motion by Commissioner Koebig, seconded by Commissioner Pessagno, the recommendation of the Director was approved by a roll call vote of 11-0.