RESOLUTION NO. 63

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REGARDING THE PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Introduced: 3/14/22
By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has been notified by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) that $90,000 in Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 grant funds are available to Albany County, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to submit a grant application to the OCFS regarding the provision of support to child protective services staff in their response to families and infants affected by alcohol and substance abuse in Albany County in the amount of $90,000 for a term commencing from September 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that no County share or in-kind match is required and that the grant funds will be used to hire or to contract for a full-time or part-time behavioral health consultant or public health nurse to work alongside Child Protective Services and preventive services caseworkers to identify and support the behavioral health needs of both the adults and children where substance abuse is an issue, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services regarding the provision of Behavioral Health and Child Protective Services in the amount of $90,000 for a term commencing September 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said application as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.