



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-5229, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Accept NYS OTDA allocation for Rental Supplement Program

Date:	2/29/2024
Submitted By:	Joseph DeAngelis
Department:	Social Services
Title:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Phone:	518-447-7583
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Michele G. McClave

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual

Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: See budget work sheet
Source of Funds: NYS OTDA
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Request to accept NYS allocation for RSP

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)
40 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12243-0001

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$1,125,750
Scope of Services: This allocation will allow DSS to provide ongoing rental supplements to individuals and families, who are experiencing homelessness or are facing an imminent loss of housing.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:
Revenue Account and Line: A6010.3801

Revenue Amount: 1,125,750
A6010.3801
Appropriation Account and Line: A6010.3801
Appropriation Amount: 1,125,750

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: .
State: 100%
County: .
Local: .

Original Awarding Agency / Funder:
Click or tap here to enter text.
New York State Pass-Through Agency (if applicable):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 4/1/2024-3/31/2025
Length of Contract: 12 months

Impact on Pending Litigation Yes No
If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 251
Date of Adoption: 7/10/23

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Approval is requested to accept an allocation from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to provide ongoing rental supplements to homeless families and individuals in our shelter system, or those who are facing an imminent loss of housing. The Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) will continue to administer the Rental Supplement Program in its entirety. DSS will coordinate and include our Continuum of Care (a local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals as well as our shelters and other homeless serving agencies to assist us in identifying appropriate candidates for the supplement.

The Rent Supplement Program will pay rent in the amount of up to 85% of Fair Market Rent for each household. DSS will pay monthly rent as long as the NYS program continues. Recipients will pay 30% of their income towards rent. Eligibility will continue until the household's income reaches the level whereby the rent is 30% or less of their income and they are able to make full rent payments on their own.

DSS will maintain those currently on RSP (85 households) continuing their benefit monthly as long as they are eligible and continue to live in the housing. We will work closely with our contracted shelter providers (two Family Shelters, Domestic Violence shelter provider and five single shelters) to enroll and put on waiting list new eligible families and singles who would benefit from the Rental Supplemental Program in order to move them out of shelter and into permanent housing. Our Temporary Assistance and Reception staff will also utilize RSP when an appropriate household presents to us which could benefit from participation.

Families or individuals who are in our emergency contracted shelters can work with their shelter case managers to complete and file an application. Case managers at the shelters will forward the application to our Temporary Assistance Client Support Specialist and/or Temporary Assistance Caseworker for approval and follow up.

DSS expects to serve up to 100 households through RSP.