



# County of Albany

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** TMP-3142, **Version:** 1

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### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

NYS Grant Request and Acceptance

Date: 2/9/2022  
Submitted By: Joseph DeAngelis  
Department: Social Services  
Title: Contract Administrator  
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 attached Budget Worksheet  
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 2/14/2022

- ☐ Settlement of a Claim  
☐ Release of Liability  
☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

#### **Contract Terms/Conditions:**

Party (Name/address):

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

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.

Scope of Services: This allocation is made available to Albany County to provide rental supplements to households which are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. The supplement will prioritize families with children but also be available to homeless individuals regardless of immigration status.

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: AA6010.0.3801

Revenue Amount: \$1,125,750

Appropriation Account and Line: AA6010.4.4087

Appropriation Amount: \$1,125,750

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

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

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 2-15-22 thru 12-31-22

Length of Contract: 10.5 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: n/a

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Approval is requested to accept an allocation of NYS funding from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to provide ongoing rental supplements to households which are homeless or facing an imminent loss of housing. Eligibility will include households with less than 50% of Area Median Income at time of application; households do not have to be Temporary Assistance eligible. The program allows for DSS to pay up to 85% of Fair Market Rent and continue rent payments on an ongoing basis to achieve housing stability for homeless households. Payments are expected to continue until tenant's income allows for the household to contribute 30% of their income as rent.

The Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes 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) to identify trends and data to assist us in a successful implementation of this program and avoid duplication with other rent programs.

DSS will provide education and outreach and work closely with our contracted shelter providers (two Family Shelters, Domestic Violence shelter provider and five single shelters) to identify families and singles who would benefit from the Rental Supplemental Program in order to move them out of shelter and into permanent housing. We will also provide education and outreach to other community providers who work with homeless families and singles to identify individuals who are homeless or facing an eviction for not being able to pay rent, who may be potentially eligible for RSP.

DSS will utilize a program specific application for applicants to complete and sign to apply for RSP funding. In addition to the application, there will be required documentation to be submitted such as a lease or rental agreement and proof of income.

Applications will be made through homeless shelters or directly to DSS.

Once the application and required documentation is submitted, an eligibility review based on the eligibility parameters set by regulation and Albany County DSS will be conducted. OTDA expects this to be an ongoing state funded program. DSS projects to serve 100 households annually with this allocation.