

RESOLUTION NO. 414

REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SEEK DEPARTMENT OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY (LGE) GRANTS

Introduced: 10/12/10

By Messrs. Timmins, Steck, Joyce and Scavo:

WHEREAS, On September 24, 2010, the New York State Department announced that funding up to \$5 million has been budgeted regarding Department of State Local Government Efficiency (LGE) grants, and

WHEREAS, There are four LGE grant categories available:

High Priority Planning Grants are non-competitive planning grants for city or county charter revisions that include functional consolidations or increased shared services; countywide shared services; the transfer of local functions to the county and multi-county or regional services; or to plan for sustainable reductions in the cost of police, fire and highway services for eligible municipalities. The grant maximum is \$50,000.

General Efficiency Planning Grants are competitive planning grants to help identify and study opportunities to improve local government efficiency and cost savings. Two involved municipalities may seek up to \$25,000, with an additional \$1,000 for each additional municipality. The grant maximum is \$35,000.

Efficiency Implementation Grants are competitive grants to help applicants implement plans to improve local government efficiency and cost savings. Grants of up to \$200,000 per municipality are available, with a maximum total grant award of \$1 million.

21st Century Demonstration Projects are competitive grants promoting large-scale, transformative change in municipalities that can be used as models for municipal innovation. This may include consolidation of services on a multi-county basis, consolidation of certain services countywide, or the creation of a regional entity empowered to provide multiple functions on a countywide or regional basis. A maximum of \$400,000 per municipality may be awarded,

now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, in order to take advantage of the cost-savings potential offered by this grant program opportunity, that the County Executive is requested to apply to the NYS Department of State for all the LGE grants that would benefit Albany County, 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.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 10/12/10