



County of Albany

112 State Street
Albany, NY 12207

Legislation Text

File #: TMP-1413, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Authorization to Apply for and Accept New York State Census Funding

Date: 1/13/2020
Submitted By: Lucas Rogers
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Title: Policy Analyst
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Department Rep.
Attending Meeting: Lucas Rogers

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.: A38020.03912/ A98020.44482.10000
Source of Funds: NYS DOS/ESD/DOL
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

Acceptance

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- ☐ 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 Department of State
One Commerce Plaza
99 Washington Ave
Albany, NY 12231

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

NYS Department of Labor
Building 12
W.A. Harriman Campus
Albany, NY 12240

Empire State Development
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12245

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$299,173
Scope of Services: Census 2020 Complete Count Outreach Grant

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: A38020.03912
Revenue Amount: \$299,173

Appropriation Account and Line: A98020.44482.10000
Appropriation Amount: \$299,173

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: 100%
County: Click or tap here to enter text.
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) February 15, 2020 - December 31, 2020
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: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

I am requesting authorization to apply for and accept Complete Count Census Outreach funding from New York State. New York State (NYS) has made funding available for each County in the state to support complete count efforts for the 2020 Census. Based on an allocation developed by the state, Albany County is eligible to receive \$299,173 to support census outreach. The attached call letter describes the methodology used by the state to determine funding allocations.

Empire State Development, the New York Department of State and the New York Department of Labor have been selected as the state agencies responsible for administering the census funding. The funding will be made available for use in line with the recommendations of the New York State Complete Count Commission and its final report entitled, "A

Roadmap to Achieving a Complete 2020 Census Count in New York State.”

Albany County has been actively involved in promoting a complete count. Our efforts have included fighting the citizenship question, partnering with the Census Bureau to promote hiring efforts, participating in Census forums, encouraging municipalities to form Complete Count Committees, and including funding in our 2020 Budget for outreach targeted toward Hard-to-Count populations. The County would divide this funding into three categories: (1) Countywide outreach efforts led by the Office of the County Executive; (2) pass-through funding to municipalities; and (3) funding for community groups who are trusted voices in the community.

Due to the time-sensitive nature of this request we ask that the Legislature authorize the County Executive to apply for funding, contract with NYS, and amend the 2020 County Budget to accept census funding. Ensuring a Complete Count is vital to the future of Albany County and New York State.