

RESOLUTION NO. 411

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2021 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET

Introduced: 11/8/21

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 148 for 2021, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) regarding the administration of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) in the amount of \$9,061,754 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 203 for 2021, this Honorable Body authorized acceptance of grant funding regarding the administration of the ERAP in the amount of \$906,176 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Social Services has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the OTDA for the acceptance of additional funding to provide ERAP related services, information, and assistance to households at risk of eviction in the amount of \$375,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York for the provision of legal services to ERAP applicants and to assist them with accessing the New York State portal for benefits submission in the amount of \$125,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also indicated that a budget amendment is necessary to incorporate the aforementioned grant funding into the 2021 Department of Social Services budget, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for the acceptance of additional funding to provide ERAP related services, information, and assistance to households at risk of eviction in the amount of \$375,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, and, be it further

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RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that the 2021 Department of Social Services Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A4612 Emergency Rental Assistance Prog. by \$375,000

Increase Appropriation Account A6010.4 by \$375,000 by increasing Line Item A6010 4 4086 Emergency Rental Assistance Prog. by \$375,000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements 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.