

RESOLUTION NO. 88

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK, INC. AND UNITED TENANTS OF ALBANY REGARDING THE EVICTION PREVENTION INTERVENTION COLLABORATIVE

Introduced: 2/12/24

By Fein, Efekoro:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 579 for 2022, this Honorable Body authorized \$160,000 to be set aside to create a pilot program to assist tenants facing eviction in the County and to make sure the eviction crisis does not become a homelessness crisis, and

WHEREAS, The County issued a Request for Proposals in October, 2023 (RFP #2023-124) which received three separate proposals with the joint proposal of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. and United Tenants of Albany being the highest graded responsive proposer, and

WHEREAS, The County and the City of Albany are going to jointly fund this program consistent with the proposal and RFP #2023-124, which provides \$160,000 of County funds to be used throughout the County and \$100,000 of City of Albany funds to be used in the City of Albany, and

WHEREAS, The County's funding shall be used consistent with the proposal with \$60,000 being used for Eviction Legal Defense & Intervention Services and \$100,000 being used for Rent Arrears Payments to Qualifying Residents, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc. and United Tenants of Albany for the provision of services related to the Eviction Prevention Intervention Collaborative in the amount of \$160,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025, 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.

Referred to Social Services and Law Committees – 2/12/24

Favorable Recommendation Social Services Committee – 2/27/24