



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-2936, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization with New York State Homes and Community Renewal to Receive Community Development Block Grant CARES (CDBG-CV) Act Funds

Date: 11/14/2021
Submitted By: Lucas Rogers
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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.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.
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 N/A

- ☐ 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):

Office of Community Renewal
38-40 State Street, Hampton Plaza, 4th Floor
Albany, New York, 12207

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$1,389,890
Scope of Services: Funding will support housing remediation in the City of Albany South
End and a variety of mental health services in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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: Included in 2022 Budget Revisions

Revenue Amount: \$1,389,890

Appropriation Account and Line: Included in 2022 Budget Revisions

Appropriation Amount: \$1,389,890

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) 12/10/2021 - 12/9/2022

Length of Contract: 12 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)

The County Executive's Office is seeking approval from the Legislature to enter into a contract with the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) to receive Community Development Block Grant Cares Act funding for two projects in Albany County.

The first project will be a partnership with the Albany County Land Bank to rehabilitate (3) two unit residential buildings into affordable homeownership opportunities for members of underserved and vulnerable populations that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID19. To comply with CDBG National Objectives, all three of these properties will be sold to low to moderate-income first-time homebuyers who are at or below 80% Area Median Income. **(\$1,000,000)**

The second project consists of a 4-pronged strategy to bolster mental health system supports in underserved communities within Albany County. The need for mental health supports has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, as we have seen ongoing and necessary public health measures expose many people to experiencing situations linked to poor mental health outcomes, such as isolation and job loss. The four project elements include:

1. Subcontracting with Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services, expand Albany Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion/Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) Client

Engagement Capacity through the addition of a new case manager **(\$97,050)**

2. Improve outcomes and cross-systems management of the Albany County Mental Health Patient Services Coordinating Committee (PSCC) (a multi-sector, cross-systems planning group that as-sists individuals who have high needs and/or are high utilizers of emergency medical services) by adding a dedicated social worker as well as a peer advocate to be better able to engage persons in intensive case management. **(\$147,840)**

3. Expand Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Provision in rural Hilltowns by partnering with Hilltown Healthcare to establish a behavioral health footprint. **(\$20,000)**

4. Expand an alternative mental health-related crisis response team (known as ACCORD). **(\$125,000).**