

**RESOLUTION NO. 22**

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY REGARDING RENTAL ASSISTANCE DURING COVID-19 AND AMENDING THE 2021 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET**

Introduced: 2/8/21

By Social Services and Audit & Finance Committees, Messrs. A. Joyce, Feeney, Fein, Simpson, Ms. McLaughlin, Messrs. Domalewicz, Miller, Ward, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Cleary, Commisso, Ethier and Peter:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested authorization to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Treasury (US Treasury) regarding rental and utility assistance in the amount of \$9,061,754, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the US Treasury regarding the acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$9,061,754 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that eligible households may receive up to 12 months of rental arrears assistance, plus an additional three months, if there is a determination of need to ensure housing stability should sufficient funds remain available, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also indicated that a budget amendment is necessary to incorporate said funding into the 2021 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 US Treasury to accept grant funding in the amount of \$9,061,754 regarding rental and utility assistance during COVID-19 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, and, be it further

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

Increase Revenue Account A4612 Emergency Rental Assis. Prog. by \$9,061,754

Increase Appropriation Account A6010.4 by \$9,061,754 by increasing Line Item A6010 4 4086 Emergency Rental Assis. Prog. by \$9,061,754

and, be it further

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

*Adopted by unanimous vote – 2/8/21*

*Messrs. Clay, Efekoro, Drake, Domalewicz, R. Joyce, Mss. Lekakis, McLean Lane, Messrs. Perlee, Reinhardt, Ricard, Smith and Ms. Whalen abstained.*