

RESOLUTION NO. 378

PROVIDING \$15,000 TO THE ALBANY COUNTY COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS AND CARES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSES OF UPDATING THE ALBANY COUNTY TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

Introduced: 9/14/15

By Mr. Nichols and Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, Ten years ago the Albany County Coalition on Homelessness (ACCH) in conjunction with CARES, Inc. released a report entitled “Albany County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness” in November, 2005, and

WHEREAS, The report included important findings and made many recommendations for ending homelessness throughout Albany County, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Coalition on Homelessness is dedicated to preventing and eliminating homelessness while ensuring that an effective system of care and services is in place to respond to the needs of at-risk and homeless individuals and families, and

WHEREAS, An end to homelessness means that Albany County will have a systematic response in place that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible or is otherwise a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience, and

WHEREAS, In order to achieve this goal, Albany County must continually review and retool systems to better meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness and the framework for the allocation of resources and the alignment of new and existing programs to prevent and end homelessness must be based on best practices, and

WHEREAS, Updating the current Albany County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness means developing a strategic plan using data to identify unmet needs and gaps in services and developing goals with measurable and achievable benchmarks, and

WHEREAS, An initiative this detailed requires part-time staff to coordinate necessary planning bodies across multiple systems in order to develop meaningful and appropriate goals to transform homeless services within Albany County, and

WHEREAS, CARES, Inc. is uniquely positioned and qualified to serve as the lead administrative coordinator on this ambitious project and is a not-for-profit located in Albany County dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness and as

both the Collaborative Applicant and Homeless Management Information System Administrator for the ACCH, and

WHEREAS, ACCH is committed to securing other resources including pro bono staff to assist in the development of the updated Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That \$15,000 from the Albany County contingency fund account is hereby authorized for the Albany County Coalition on Homelessness to update the Albany County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Coalition on Homelessness shall work with CARES, Inc. to address staffing needs in order to complete this important project, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Albany County Coalition on Homelessness and its partners shall provide semi-annual progress reports to the Albany County Executive, Chairperson of the Legislature, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Legislature and members of the Albany County Legislature's Social Services Committee, 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 Committee. 9/14/15

Adopted by unanimous vote. 10/13/15