

RESOLUTION NO. 400

REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO SEEK A NYS SHARED MUNICIPAL SERVICES INCENTIVE GRANT TO DETERMINE COST-SAVINGS POTENTIAL OF FORMING A WORKERS COMPENSATION POOL WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES

Introduced: 11/13/06

By Messrs. Gordon, Aidala, Aylward, Beston, Clay, Collins, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cunningham, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Frederick, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Monjeau, Morse, Nichols, Reilly, Riddick, Shafer, Steck, Ward, Mss. Wiley and Willingham:

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of Albany County and its municipalities to take advantage of a State grant program to explore the potential for cost savings through the formation of a consortium to pool workers compensation risk through a self-insurance plan, and

WHEREAS, The Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) grant program administered by the NYS Department of State offers grants to local governments to encourage consolidation of programs, reduce duplicative services, improve the efficiency of municipal services and promote cooperation by local governments to reduce costs for providing services to residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS, The grants cover costs associated with consolidations, mergers, dissolutions, cooperative agreements and shared services among municipalities, and include legal and consultant services, feasibility studies, capital improvements and other necessary expenses, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body has approved Executive Department proposals for submission of grant applications for three separate programs for the second year of the SMSI program and is considering two additional proposals this month, and requests the County Executive to prepare an application regarding a workers compensation consortium for the 2007-2008 round of grants as a way to reduce local government costs and provide relief from increasing budgets and property taxes, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is requested to apply to the NYS Department of State for a Shared Municipal Services Incentive grant to explore the interest by and cost-savings potential to cities, towns, villages and school districts throughout the County of forming a consortium with the Albany County to pool workers compensation risk through a self-insurance plan, 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. 11/13/06