

County of Albany

Harold L. Joyce
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 24, 2024

5:30 PM

**Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building
Cahill Room - First Floor**

Social Services Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Sponsors: Social Services Committee

CURRENT BUSINESS:

2. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH REJHA GROUP, LLC REGARDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO EDUCATION AND THERAPY PROGRAMS

Sponsors: Social Services Committee

3. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE 2024 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2024 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

Sponsors: Social Services Committee

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

5:30 PM

Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building
Cahill Room - First Floor

Social Services Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

- Present:** Samuel I. Fein, Mickey Cleary, Andrew Joyce, Matthew J. Miller, Ellen Rosano, Patrice Lockart and Jeff S. Perlee
Excused: Merton D. Simpson and Beroro T. Efekoro

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

2. AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE FAMILY FIRST MOBILE RESPONSE INITIATIVE AND AMENDING THE 2024 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER – CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM AND AMENDING THE 2024 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REGARDING THE HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. AUTHORIZING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGARDING ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SALIENT CORPORATION REGARDING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND USER LICENSING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SALIENT DATA MINING SOFTWARE

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VENTEK, INC. FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SOFTWARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOFTWARE WORKFLOW FORMS AND AMENDING THE 2024 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.



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NICOLE WARD
Deputy Commissioner

May 27, 2024

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to enter a contractual agreement for Transportation Providers for Children with Special Needs who travel to Special Education and Therapy Programs.

The requested agreement is for six distinct transportation zones for a maximum total cost, not to exceed \$4,733,545.00, for the term of September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025. The six zones have been awarded to Rejha Group L.L.C. and the cost of these contracts are reimbursed by NYS Ed at a rate of 59.5%

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moira Manning, LCSW-R
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-5525, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization with Rejha Group LLC for Transportation of Department for Children, Youth and Families Children with Special Needs

Date: May 27, 2024
Department: Children, Youth Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306
Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Rejha Group L.L.C.
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany NY 12205

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 9/1/2024 - 8/31/2025
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$4,733,545.00

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Budget: Yes No
Spreadsheet attached: Yes No

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 0 County: 40.5
State: 59.5 Local: 0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA 2960 03277
Revenue Amount: \$2,816,459
Appropriation Account and Line: AA 2960 44038
Appropriation Amount: \$4,733,545

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated, Cite Authority: NYS Education Law 4410/ NYS Public Health Law Title 11-A

Request for Bids / Proposals:

Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes No

of Response(s): 1

of MWBE: 0

of Veteran Business: 0

Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.

Apprenticeship Program Yes No

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: 361-23

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Transportation for Children with Special Needs

Department for Children, Youth and Families
Transportation Renewal Contract Authorization with Rejha Group L.L.C. for Children with Special Needs Who Travel to Special Education and Therapy Programs

The Department for Children, Youth and Families is requesting that the Albany County Legislature authorize the County to enter into a renewal agreement with Rejha Group L.L.C., for transportation services for children with special needs. The Department is seeking authorization to exercise the second and final renewal option to renew for all 6 zones. The total funding for all zones is not to exceed \$4,733,545.00. The contract term will run from September 1, 2024 to August 1, 2025.

The Department issued a Request for Proposals for Transportation Services for pre-School Aged Handicapped Children in Need of special Education—*RFP-2024-049*-- on March 28, 2024 with responses due April 19, 2024. It should be noted that Rejha Group L.L.C was the only company that submitted a proposal.

Transportation of children with special needs to special education and therapy services, as recommended by the individual education/family service plan approved by the child's school district or by the Early Intervention Official, is mandated by New York State law.

Given the varying fluctuations in the fuel market, proposing vendors need to anticipate any potential increases in fuel costs so that they are not inadvertently penalized for swings in the fuel market. This puts the County in a vulnerable situation; requiring it to pay for costs that may not actually be incurred assuming a stabilized fuel market. In order to better safeguard the County financially, the Department, with assistance from the County's Purchasing Department, have structured the bids with a fuel escalation/de-escalation clause. This language provides a safety valve for both the County and the transportation provider so that the effect on either entity's bottom line is minimized in the event(s) of changes in the fuel commodity market.

The costs associated with transportation are reimbursed by the State at a rate of 59.5% after subtracting out any reimbursement received from Medicaid. All contracts will be reviewed and approved by the County Attorney's Office as to form and content prior to execution.

Contracts for transportation services are divided into zones based on program locations. There are six unique zones.

Zone #1—not to exceed \$249,258

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Zone #4 – not to exceed \$1,225,501

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Zone #2 - not to exceed \$501,894

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Zone #5 – not to exceed \$621,729

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Zone #3 – not to exceed \$934,772

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Zone #6--not to exceed \$1,200,391

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Albany County DCYF
2022 Transportation Payments By Zone

Month	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Total
January	\$ 13,665.96	\$ 37,093.32	\$ 67,509.09	\$ 83,459.97	\$ 52,480.89	\$ 91,570.12	\$ 345,779.35
February	\$ 13,665.96	\$ 31,790.88	\$ 50,579.10	\$ 65,748.87	\$ 37,975.41	\$ 67,402.43	\$ 267,162.65
March	\$ 21,167.08	\$ 48,625.48	\$ 74,741.94	\$ 94,770.79	\$ 58,040.54	\$ 103,024.79	\$ 400,370.62
April	\$ 14,432.10	\$ 35,025.90	\$ 49,370.32	\$ 59,911.92	\$ 38,830.62	\$ 67,576.22	\$ 265,147.08
May	\$ 20,204.94	\$ 51,371.32	\$ 77,779.90	\$ 97,786.83	\$ 56,116.26	\$ 104,069.09	\$ 407,328.34
June	\$ 15,394.24	\$ 37,360.96	\$ 56,256.84	\$ 76,971.20	\$ 42,398.02	\$ 73,947.88	\$ 302,329.14
July	\$ 18,788.18	\$ 38,593.30	\$ 67,088.66	\$ 79,905.99	\$ 44,733.08	\$ 87,162.20	\$ 336,271.41
August	\$ 18,236.82	\$ 32,690.84	\$ 53,289.17	\$ 59,560.47	\$ 35,052.35	\$ 53,648.89	\$ 252,478.54
September	\$ 17,434.90	\$ 25,072.02	\$ 64,415.89	\$ 91,954.17	\$ 32,626.63	\$ 80,963.89	\$ 312,467.50
October	\$ 20,851.59	\$ 29,906.73	\$ 76,307.07	\$ 117,295.13	\$ 39,056.60	\$ 100,993.52	\$ 384,410.64
November	\$ 17,933.04	\$ 25,634.34	\$ 71,102.58	\$ 101,061.27	\$ 41,752.06	\$ 88,413.93	\$ 345,897.22
December	\$ 15,940.48	\$ 22,786.08	\$ 65,950.05	\$ 88,237.99	\$ 36,752.33	\$ 76,966.74	\$ 306,633.67
Total	\$ 207,715.29	\$ 415,951.17	\$ 774,390.61	\$ 1,016,664.60	\$ 515,814.79	\$ 995,739.70	\$ 3,926,276.16

Clerk	Document	Invoice	Inv Date	Warrant	Zone	Check #
hdilillo	54502	54502	02/21/2023	03/22/23	1	3151923
hdilillo	54503	54503	02/21/2023	03/22/23	2	3151923
hdilillo	54505	54505	02/21/2023	03/22/23	3	3151923
hdilillo	54507	54507	02/21/2023	03/22/23	4	3151923
hdilillo	54511	54511	02/21/2023	03/22/23	5	3151923
hdilillo	54516	54516	02/21/2023	03/22/23	6	3151923
hdilillo	56682	56682	03/09/2023	04/12/23	1	3152818
hdilillo	56684	56684	03/09/2023	04/12/23	2	3152818
hdilillo	56685	56685	03/09/2023	04/12/23	3	3152818
hdilillo	56688	56688	03/09/2023	04/12/23	4	3152818
hdilillo	56693	56693	03/09/2023	04/12/23	5	3152818
hdilillo	56696	56696	03/09/2023	04/12/23	6	3152818
hdilillo	5997	5997	04/20/2023	05/24/23	1	3154449
hdilillo	5998	5998	04/20/2023	05/24/23	2	3154449
hdilillo	5999	5999	04/20/2023	05/24/23	3	3154449
hdilillo	6001	6001	04/20/2023	05/24/23	4	3154449
hdilillo	6002	6002	04/20/2023	05/24/23	5	3154449
hdilillo	6003	6003	04/20/2023	05/24/23	6	3154449
hdilillo	10969	10969	05/22/2023	06/28/23	1	3155917
hdilillo	10970	10970	05/22/2023	06/28/23	2	3155917
hdilillo	10971	10971	05/22/2023	06/28/23	3	3155917
hdilillo	10972	10972	05/22/2023	06/28/23	4	3155917
hdilillo	10973	10973	05/22/2023	06/28/23	5	3155917
hdilillo	10974	10974	05/22/2023	06/28/23	6	3155917
hdilillo	17776	17776	07/11/2023	08/09/23	1	3157573
hdilillo	17777	17777	07/11/2023	08/09/23	2	3157573
hdilillo	17778	17778	07/11/2023	08/09/23	3	3157573
hdilillo	17784	17784	07/11/2023	08/09/23	4	3157573
hdilillo	17791	17791	07/11/2023	08/09/23	5	3157573
hdilillo	17799	17799	07/11/2023	08/09/23	6	3157573
hdilillo	21688	21688	08/07/2023	09/06/23	1	3158649
hdilillo	21691	21691	08/07/2023	09/06/23	2	3158649
hdilillo	21692	21692	08/07/2023	09/06/23	3	3158649
hdilillo	21694	21694	08/07/2023	09/06/23	4	3158649
hdilillo	21695	21695	08/07/2023	09/06/23	5	3158649
hdilillo	21696	21696	08/07/2023	09/06/23	6	3158649
hdilillo	28967	28967	09/25/2023	10/25/23	1	3160386
hdilillo	28969	28969	09/25/2023	10/25/23	2	3160386
hdilillo	28972	28972	09/25/2023	10/25/23	3	3160386

hdilillo	28973	28973	09/25/2023	10/25/23	4	3160386
hdilillo	28975	28975	09/25/2023	10/25/23	5	3160386
hdilillo	28976	28976	09/25/2023	10/25/23	6	3160386
hdilillo	29583	29583	09/29/2023	11/01/23	1	3160653
hdilillo	29584	29584	09/29/2023	11/01/23	2	3160653
hdilillo	29585	29585	09/29/2023	11/01/23	3	3160653
hdilillo	29586	29586	09/29/2023	11/01/23	4	3160653
hdilillo	29587	29587	09/29/2023	11/01/23	5	3160653
hdilillo	29588	29588	09/29/2023	11/01/23	6	3160653
hdilillo	33616	33616	10/27/2023	11/29/23	1	3161876
hdilillo	33617	33617	10/27/2023	11/29/23	2	3161876
hdilillo	33621	33621	10/27/2023	11/29/23	3	3161876
hdilillo	33630	33630	10/27/2023	11/29/23	4	3161876
hdilillo	33636	33636	10/27/2023	11/29/23	5	3161876
hdilillo	33639	33639	10/27/2023	11/29/23	6	3161876
hdilillo	41602	41602	12/19/2023	01/17/24	1	3163861
hdilillo	41604	41604	12/19/2023	01/17/24	2	3163861
hdilillo	41610	41610	12/19/2023	01/17/24	3	3163861
hdilillo	41612	41612	12/19/2023	01/17/24	4	3163861
hdilillo	41613	41613	12/19/2023	01/17/24	5	3163861
hdilillo	41614	41614	12/19/2023	01/17/24	6	3163861
hdilillo	43103	43103	01/03/2024	02/07/24	1	3164636
hdilillo	43106	43106	01/03/2024	02/07/24	2	3164635
hdilillo	43107	43107	01/03/2024	02/07/24	3	3164635
hdilillo	43108	43108	01/03/2024	02/07/24	4	3164635
hdilillo	43109	43109	01/03/2024	02/07/24	5	3164635
hdilillo	43110	43110	01/03/2024	02/07/24	6	3164635
hdilillo	43112	43112	01/03/2024	02/07/24	1	3164636
hdilillo	43113	43113	01/03/2024	02/07/24	2	3164635
hdilillo	43114	43114	01/03/2024	02/07/24	3	3164635
hdilillo	43115	43115	01/03/2024	02/07/24	4	3164635
hdilillo	43116	43116	01/03/2024	02/07/24	5	3164635
hdilillo	43117	43117	01/03/2024	02/07/24	6	3164635

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\$ 22,786.08	
\$ 65,950.05	Dec. 2023
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RESOLUTION NO. 361

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH REJHA GROUP, LLC REGARDING
TRANSPORTATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO
EDUCATION AND THERAPY PROGRAMS**

Introduced: 9/11/23

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Department for Children, Youth and Families provides appropriate transportation services for children who have been evaluated and found to have special needs related to special education and therapy programs assigned by school district-based committees, as mandated by New York State, and

WHEREAS, The costs associated with these transportation services are reimbursed by the New York State Education Department at a rate of 59.5% after subtracting out any reimbursement received from Medicaid, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Rejha Group, LLC regarding transportation for children with special needs to special education and therapy programs in all six transportation zones for a term commencing September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2024 for the second and final renewal option for all six transportation zones, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Rejha Group, LLC, Albany, NY 12205 regarding transportation for children with special needs to special education and therapy programs for a term commencing September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2024, for the following transportation zones:

Zone #1 not to exceed \$180,999

Zone #4 not to exceed \$1,044,823

Zone #2 not to exceed \$397,666

Zone #5 not to exceed \$570,731

Zone #3 not to exceed \$897,139

Zone #6 not to exceed \$1,211,863

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.



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May 28, 2024

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action for authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Albany County Department of Social Services for the administration of the 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany for their involvement in the 2024 SYEP for the period April 1, 2024-October 31, 2024. Additionally, approval is being sought to amend the 2024 Department for Children, Youth & Families adopted budget concerning these contractual agreements.

Under these agreements, the Department will receive \$50,000.00 in administrative funding for the SYEP of which \$20,000 will be used to support a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County.

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moira Manning, LCSW-R
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization and Budget Amendment for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

Date: May 28, 2024
Department: Children, Youth and Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306

Purpose of Request: Budget Amendment / Contract Authorization

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:

Albany County Dept. of Social Services
162 Washington Avenue
Albany NY 12210

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany
24 Martin Road PO Box 497
Voorheesville NY 12186

Term: (Start/end date or duration) April 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$50,000

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Budget: Yes No
Spreadsheet attached: Yes No

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Enter text. County: Enter text.
State: 100 Local: Enter text.

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6119 03820
Revenue Amount: \$50,000
Appropriation Account and Line: AA6119 44406 44046

Appropriation Amount: \$20,000 \$30,000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Enter text.

Request for Bids / Proposals:
Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes No
of Response(s): Enter text.
of MWBE: Enter text.
of Veteran Business: Enter text.
Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.
Apprenticeship Program Yes No

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: 319-17, 307-18, 267-19, 244-21,310-22, 23-321
8/14/17, 7/9/18, 7/8/19, 8/9/21, 9/12/22, 8/14/23

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

See Justification Attached

The Department for Children, Youth and Families

Justification for a Memorandum of Agreement between the Department for Children, Youth, and Families and the Albany County Department for Social Services and an agreement between the Department for Children, Youth, and Families and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County for the 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program

Since 2005, the Office of Temporary Disability and Assistance (OTDA) has administered the New York State Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and has allocated funds to each district to provide summer employment opportunities for youth throughout the State. The total amount allocated to Albany County for SYEP 2024 is \$757,117.

Districts may opt to retain their allocation and use district mechanisms to operate the program, or may assign the funds to their local Workforce Development Board (WDB) to operate the program. Albany County has opted to assign the SYEP allocation to the WDB. Of the \$661,304 that has been allocated to Albany County, \$707,117 will be assigned to WDB. Over the years, the collaboration between the County and WDB in the facilitation of the SYEP has been a successful partnership.

The allocation for SYEP goes to the Department of Social Services (DSS). The coordination of the SYEP program is facilitated through the DCYF. The Department respectfully requests Legislative authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DSS in the amount of \$50,000, \$30,000 of which is to cover administrative costs associated with the facilitation of SYEP (which includes coordination of the application process, providing public relations, and preparing reports and other documents). The remaining \$20,000 is to establish an Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension to cover costs related to preparing program plans, monitoring programs and projects, preparing reports and other documents, as well as providing financial literacy workshops for youth participants.

The New York State SYEP is an important platform to introduce youth into the workforce, helping them to acquire skills that can be used to improve school performance and become responsible adults. Since many low-income youth face the prospect of a difficult transition into work or college, constructive workforce experiences can provide great benefits. In addition to the income it produces, experience in the workforce and interaction with working adults can help youth recognize the importance of educational achievement, and help expand their education and career goals.

The New York State SYEP provides youth from low income households (under the 200% of federal poverty guidelines) with employment opportunities during the summer months. To augment the work component of the SYEP, providers may include educational and/or career exploration activities which will better prepare youth as they continue their education and transition to the world of work. Allowable activities and services for the New York State SYEP include: work subsidies for youth (payment to employer or third party); education and training; and supportive services such as transportation, counseling, and incentive payments.

APPROPRIATIONS

ACCOUNT RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
AA 6119 4 4406 000 Division for Youth	20,000.00	0	345,000.00	DCYF
AA 6119 4 4046 000 Fees for Services	30,000.00	0	104,850.00	DCYF
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	50,000.00	0		

ESTIMATED REVENUES

ACCOUNT RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
AA 6119 0 3820 000 Division for Youth	0	50,000.00	375,000.00	DCYF
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	0	50,000.00		
GRAND TOTALS	50,000.00	50,000.00		

2024 New York State Summer Youth Employment Program
District Designation Form

On behalf of the Albany County Department of Social Services, I, Michele G. McClave, as Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Social Services, hereby instruct the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to disburse our 2024 New York State Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) allocation as detailed below. I certify that I have the legal authority to authorize the assignment of these funds. The funds dedicated to the operation of the 2024 New York State SYEP will be used in accordance with program and fiscal guidelines established by OTDA. For districts opting to assign all or a portion of their 2024 allocation to their Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB), districts will be held liable for funds not used in a manner consistent with the requirements of the New York State SYEP allocation or where funds are due from the LWDB.

- A. 2024 SYEP Allocation \$757,117
B. Amount of Transfer to FFFS \$0 (optional) (must not exceed 9% of allocation, round down)
C. Amount Dedicated to SYEP \$707,117 (must be at least 91% of allocation)
D. Amount Assigned to LWDB \$707,117 (optional) (district must coordinate SYEP services with LWDB)

Completed by: [Signature]
Commissioner's Signature

Date: 5/24/2024

Please Note: Albany County will retain a portion of the allocation (i.e., \$50,000) and reduce the amount assigned to WDB by this amount.

RESOLUTION NO. 321**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE 2023 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2023 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET**

Introduced: 8/14/23

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has indicated that the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) has allocated funding to the Department for the operation of the 2023 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) regarding the 2023 SYEP in the amount of \$50,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2023, and also requested an amendment to the 2023 DCYF Budget to accept the aforementioned OTDA funding, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension to cover costs related to preparing program plans, monitoring programs and projects, preparing reports and other documents, as well as providing financial literacy workshops for youth participants in the 2023 SYEP in the amount of \$20,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The SYEP is intended to introduce youth into the workforce and help them acquire skills that can be used to improve school performance while becoming responsible adults and recognizing the importance of establishing education and career goals, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with DSS regarding the 2023 SYEP in the amount of \$50,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2023, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, NY 12186, in the amount of \$20,000 regarding the administration of the 2023 SYEP for the term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2023, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2023 Department for Children, Youth and Families Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A6119 0 3820 Division for Youth by \$50,000

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.4 by \$50,000 by increasing the following line items:

Increase line item A6119 4 4406 Division for Youth by \$20,000

Increase line item A6119 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$30,000

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.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 8/14/23