

RESOLUTION NO. 164

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE AND VARIOUS PROVIDERS REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR CODE BLUE SERVICES IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 5/11/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to 18 NYCRR 304.1 New York State has implemented regulations intended to protect homeless individuals from inclement winter weather and the risk of hypothermia, serious injury and death where temperatures drop to 32 degrees or below by requiring homeless shelters to extend their hours of operation, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Social Services has indicated that local social services districts and not for profits are required by the aforementioned regulations to ensure that eligible persons who are believed to be homeless are provided with safe, clean, and well maintained facilities during such periods of cold weather, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has further indicated that Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless, the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society, and the Capital Area Council of Churches have extended their hours of operation for their drop-in shelters to include weekends for overflow of homeless persons during Code Blue days during the recent winter season, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (NYSOTDA) regarding reimbursement for the aforementioned Code Blue services in the amount of \$315,264 for the term commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner also has requested authorization to enter into agreements with Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in the amount of \$188,632, Homeless and Traveler's Aid Society (HATAS) in the amount of \$30,632, and the Capital Area Council of Churches in the amount of \$70,000 for providing additional shelter services for the term commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated Albany County will also receive \$26,000 of the supplemental grant funding for reimbursements associated with the housing of individuals who would not have been otherwise eligible for temporary housing if not for Code Blue, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the NYS OTDA regarding reimbursement for Code Blue services in the amount of \$315,264 for the term commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, and, be it further

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RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County is also authorized to receive \$26,000 of the supplemental grant funding for reimbursements associated with the housing of individuals who would not have been otherwise eligible for temporary housing if not for applicable regulations referenced above, 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 – 5/11/20