

The Legislature of Rockland County



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LEGISLATOR - DISTRICT 7
CHAIR, MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013
6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 8/27/13 MEETING

1. REF. #9499- SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL S. 744 - THE BORDER SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2013, AND URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS SIMILAR LEGISLATION
(HON. I. SCHOENBERGER, LEGISLATURE)
2. REF. #9263 - APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000 (NCTD) CHILD CARE FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE OF ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES] (\$48,000)
(S. SHERWOOD, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES)
3. REF. #9142/2973 -APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH TO THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH [DMH] IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,000 [NCTD] FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015 WHICH IS TO BE EXPENSED BY DMH ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$185,000)
(M. WALSH TOZER, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)
4. REF. #9481- AMENDING THE 2013 BUDGET BY APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,832 [NCTD] TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY, LOEB HOUSE, ST. DOMINIC'S HOME AND ROCKLAND HOSPITAL GUILD FOR TEN (10) NEW SUPPORTED HOUSING BEDS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS [DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH] (\$128,832)
(M. WALSH TOZER, COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)

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Introduced by:
Hon. Ilan S. Schoenberger, Sponsor

Referral No.
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RESOLUTION NO. OF 2013
SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL S. 744 - THE BORDER
SECURITY, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, AND IMMIGRATION
MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2013, AND URGING THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS SIMILAR LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act, or S. 744, is a broad-based proposal for reforming the U.S. immigration system written by a bi-partisan group of eight senators known as the "Gang of Eight;" and

WHEREAS, S. 744 addresses all aspects of the immigration process from border and enforcement issues to legal immigration reform; and

WHEREAS, S. 744 makes changes to the family and employment-based visa categories for immigrants, provides critical due-process protections, increases the availability of nonimmigrant workers to supplement all sectors of the workforce, and provides legal status to 11 million undocumented immigrants within the United States; and

WHEREAS, provisions of S. 744 include:

- 1) Title One – issues of border security, the oversight of the border, and the security goals that must be achieved before other provisions of the bill are implemented;
- 2) Title Two – addresses permanent legal status in the United States
 - a. Creates a Registered Provisional Immigrant program for undocumented immigrants and incorporates versions of the DREAM Act and AgJobs, for undocumented young people brought to the U.S. as children and for agricultural workers, respectively;
 - b. Provides sufficient visas to erase the current backlog of family and employment-based visa applicants in the next seven (7) years, eliminates or changes some family-based immigration programs, and creates a new merit system that is based points accrued through education, employment, and family ties;

- 3) Title Three – addresses the ability of the Department of Homeland Security to enforce immigration laws while correcting many procedural problems with the immigration system
 - a. Phases in the mandatory E-Verify employment eligibility verification program;
 - b. Addresses important refugee and asylum issues, enhances due-process protections in the immigration courts, increases the oversight of detention facilities, and toughens penalties for gang-related convictions and other convictions;

- 4) Title Four – reforms the nonimmigrant visa program for skilled workers and creates new programs for less-skilled workers, investors and visitors (this program aims to ensure that the U.S. economy has access to the labor and investment it needs to drive growth and innovation, while protecting workers from exploitation);

and

WHEREAS, Rockland County enjoys tremendous ethnic and cultural diversity and could only benefit from the modernization of the immigration system, enabling the customs, values and work ethics of immigrants to further enhance and enrich our community; and

WHEREAS, the _____ Committee has met, considered and by a _____ vote, approved this resolution; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Rockland County Legislature supports United States Senate Bill S. 744, The Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013, and urges the United States House of Representatives to introduce and pass similar legislation, and the President of the United States to sign such legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Legislature be and he is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hon. Barack H. Obama, President of the United States; Hon. Charles Schumer and Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand, United States Senators; Hon. Nita M. Lowey, Member of the United States Congress; the President Pro Tem of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and House of Representatives; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

Introduced by:

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**RESOLUTION NO. OF 2013
APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000 (NCTD)
CHILD CARE FRAUD PREVENTION AND DETECTION GRANT
FROM THE NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2013 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014
AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE
ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS
[DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES]
(\$48,000)**

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of Social Services has advised the County Executive and the Rockland County Legislature that the Department of Social Services has been awarded a Child Care Fraud Prevention and Detection Grant in the amount of \$48,000 from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, These funds shall be used for fraud deterrence and identifying and holding accountable anyone who defrauds the Child Care Subsidy Program; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Social Services, District Attorney's Office and Child Care Resources of Rockland will work together on this initiative to ensure that legally exempt child care providers are in compliance with New York State Office of Children and Family Services regulations; and

WHEREAS, No County tax dollars (NCTD) are required to accept said grant; and

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WHEREAS, It is necessary to appropriate said funds to the proper account; and

WHEREAS, The Committees of the Legislature have met, considered and approved this resolution, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County approves the acceptance of a Child Care Fraud and Detection Incentive Grant in the amount of \$48,000 from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014, and authorizes the County Executive to execute all necessary instruments and documents, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no County tax dollars (NCTD) are required to accept said grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to increase the following accounts in the amounts indicated:

GENERAL FUND - 2013

<u>Increase Approp. Acct. (Credit):</u>		
A-DSS-6010-GD17-E5060	Program Costs	48,000
<u>Increase Est. Rev. Acct. (Debit):</u>		
A-DSS-6010-GD17-R3680	DSS Grant(s)	48,000

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counseling, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute all necessary documents related to the acceptance of these funds including the contract with the Veterans Service Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no County tax dollars [NCTD] are required to accept these grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of Finance hereby is authorized to increase the following accounts in the amounts indicated:

HOSPITAL FUND - 2013

Increase Approp. Acct (Credit):

EH-DMH-4301-M890-E5060	Program Costs	185,000
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Increase Est. Rev. Acct. (Debit):

EH-DMH-4301-M890-R3470	State Aid-OMH	185,000
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Introduced by:

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**RESOLUTION NO. OF 2013
AMENDING THE 2013 BUDGET BY
APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM
THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,832 [NCTD]
TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ROCKLAND COUNTY,
LOEB HOUSE, ST. DOMINIC'S HOME AND ROCKLAND HOSPITAL GUILD
FOR TEN (10) NEW SUPPORTED HOUSING BEDS
AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS
INCLUDING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS
[DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH]
(\$128,832)**

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health (DMH) has advised the County Executive and the Legislature of Rockland County that the New York State Office of Mental Health has awarded additional funding in the amount of \$128,832 to the following four (4) agencies for the calendar year 2013: (1) Mental Health Association of Rockland County (MHA) (\$25,767); (2) Loeb House (\$38,649); (3) St. Dominic's Home (\$38,649) and (4) Rockland Hospital Guild (\$25,767); and

WHEREAS, This allocation is designated for ten (10) new supported housing beds in Rockland County resulting from a recommendation from the NYS Medicaid Redesign Team initiative; and

WHEREAS, The acceptance of these funds will require amendments to the County's 2013 contracts with Loeb House, St. Dominic's Home and Rockland Hospital Guild; and

WHEREAS, The funding due to MHA was appropriated previously in the 2013 Adopted Budget, and therefore no additional allocation, budget amendment or contract amendment is required; and

WHEREAS, No County tax dollars (NCTD) are required to accept these additional funds; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appropriate these additional funds to the proper accounts;
and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve the "execution of all contracts in excess of \$100,000 entered into by the County"; and

WHEREAS, The Committees of the Legislature have met, considered and approved this resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the acceptance of additional funding from the New York State Office of Mental Health in the amount of \$128,832 for the calendar year 2013, which will be distributed to Mental Health Association of Rockland County (MHA) (\$25,767), Loeb House (\$38,649), St. Dominic's Home (\$38,649) and Rockland Hospital Guild (\$25,767) and will be used for ten (10) new supported housing beds resulting from a recommendation from the NYS Medicaid Redesign Team initiative, and hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute all necessary documents related to the acceptance of these funds, including the applicable contract amendments, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no County tax dollars [NCTD] are required to accept these funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the funding due to MHA was appropriated previously in the 2013 Adopted Budget, and therefore no additional allocation, budget amendment or contract amendment is required; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of Finance hereby is authorized to increase the following accounts in the amounts indicated:

General Fund - 2013

Increase Approp. Acct. (Credit):

A-DMH-4342 E5010	Loeb House	38,649
A-DMH-4345 E5010	St. Dominic's Home	38,649
A-DMH-4347 E5010	Rockland Hospital Guild	25,767

Increase Est. Revenue Acct. (Debit):

A-DMH-4342 R3470	State Aid-OMH	38,649
A-DMH-4345 R3470	State Aid-OMH	38,649
A-DMH-4347 R3470	State Aid-OMH	25,767

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