

The Legislature of Rockland County



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LEGISLATOR-DISTRICT 7
CHAIR, MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA
MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY JUNE 11 , 2014
5:15 PM

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2014 AND MAY 27, 2014 MEETING.

- 1. REF.# 6311** APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 (NCTD) FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT GRANT (PROJECT NO. NS14-1003-E00) THAT WILL FOCUS ON PREVENTING YOUTH VIOLENCE IN THE COMMUNITIES OF SPRING VALLEY AND HAVERSTRAW FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [YOUTH BUREAU] (\$250,000)
(MARIANNE McCARNEY-HAESCHE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR YOUTH BUREAU)
DL#: 2014-02008
- 2. REF.# 3977** APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE FY2014 EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$167,781 WITH A MATCH (\$167,781) TO BE DOCUMENTED WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND UPON ITS APPROVAL AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW ACCOUNTS FOR THE FY2014 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT RECIPIENTS [OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS] (167,781)
(RAM NAGUBANDI DIRECTOR COMMUNITY OF DEVELOPMENT) DL#: 2014-02069

(ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK)
- 3. REF.# 3977** APPROVING THE FY2014 SUBMISSION OF THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$606,834 FOR HOME ALLOCATION WITH A COUNTY MATCH OF 25% TO BE DOCUMENTED WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND UPON ITS APPROVAL AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW ACCOUNTS FOR THE FY2014 HOME FUNDS [OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT] (\$606,834)
(RAM NAGUBANDI DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) DL#: 2014-02068

(ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK)

4. REF.# 3977 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN FOR FY2014 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) [OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT] (\$2,049,017)
(RAM NAGUBANDI DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) DL#: 2014-02000

(ADDITIONAL BACK-UP WITH CLERK)
5. REF.# 9224 REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL A.5786 AND THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASS BILL S.5056 - AN ACT TO AMEND THE EDUCATION LAW TO REQUIRE MINORS WHO ARE FIVE YEARS OLD TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN
(HON. JAY HOOD, JR LEGISLATURE)
6. REF.# 8347 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS E. HUMBACH AS COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND
(SPONSORS: HON. PHILIP SOSKIN, HON. TONEY L. EARL, HON. ANEY PAUL, HON. BARRY S. KANTROWITZ, HON. DOUGLAS J. JOBSON, HON. PATRICK J. MORONEY)
(REFERRED BACK TO MULTI-SERVICES COMMITTEE FROM FULL LEGISLATIVE MEETING JUNE 2, 2014)
(EDWIN J. DAY COUNTY EXECUTIVE) DL# 2014-00019

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Introduced by:

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**RESOLUTION NO. OF 2014
APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 (NCTD) FOR A
NEIGHBORHOOD VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROJECT GRANT
(PROJECT NO. NS14-1003-E00)
THAT WILL FOCUS ON PREVENTING YOUTH VIOLENCE IN
THE COMMUNITIES OF SPRING VALLEY AND HAVERSTRAW
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY
GRANT DOCUMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
[YOUTH BUREAU]
(\$250,000)**

WHEREAS, The Assistant Director of the Rockland County Youth Bureau has advised the County Executive and the County Legislature that her department has been awarded a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$250,000 for a Neighborhood Violence Prevention Project grant (NYS Project No. NS14-1003-E00) and that her department will act as the lead agency regarding the implementation of this grant that will focus on preventing youth violence in the communities of Haverstraw and Spring Valley for the period April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Under the provisions set forth in the grant, the Rockland County Youth Bureau will be working with the Rockland County District Attorney's Office, the Spring Valley Police Department, the Haverstraw Police Department, the Adults Caring for Teens (A.C.T.) Mentoring for Youth in Spring Valley, and the Haverstraw Center; and

WHEREAS, The Rockland County District Attorney's Office will be developing a Social Media Data Center at the Regional Investigation Resource Center and will contract with a crime research analyst who will be reviewing social media to detect chatter indicative of potential violence in these communities, which will be reported to said police departments as well as street outreach workers; and

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WHEREAS, The Rockland County Youth Bureau will contract with said police departments so that they can provide information on incidences of youth violence, with additional contracts to be with the community organizations A.C.T. Mentoring for Youth in Spring Valley and the Haverstraw Center so that these organizations can provide two part-time street outreach workers that will be placed in the Spring Valley and North Rockland high schools during school time and then at community sites during the summer and seasonal breaks; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve "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 a \$250,000 Neighborhood Violence Prevention Project grant (NYS Project No. NS14-1003-E00) from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, in which the Rockland County Youth Bureau will act as the lead agency regarding the implementation of this grant that will focus on preventing youth violence in the communities of Haverstraw and Spring Valley for the period April 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, and authorizes the execution of all necessary grant documents by the County Executive, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

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

GENERAL FUND - 2014

Increase Approp. Acct. (Credit):

A - DA - 1165 -E4090 Fees for Services, Non-Employee (crime research analyst) 100,000

Increase Est Rev. Acct. (Debit):

A - DA - 1165 -R2806 Reimb from Other County Depts (from line E4098 below) 100,000

Increase Approp. Acct. (Credit):

A - YB - 1250 -GY05 -E4098 Services from Other Cnty Depts (covers line E4090 above) 100,000

A - YB - 1250 -GY05 -E5060 Program Costs 150,000

250,000

Increase Est Rev. Acct. (Debit):

A - YB - 1250 -GY05 -R3380 Public Safety Grant(s) 250,000

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WHEREAS, "Match" funds are derived from monies appropriated in the 2014 County budget as well as from state funding received by the grant recipients; and

WHEREAS, The participating sub-recipients, upon receipt and disbursement of any portion of the grant funds shall be individually liable to account to HUD for their matching share contribution; and

WHEREAS, The County Executive and the County Legislature agree that no money will be spent under the Emergency Solutions Grant Program involving an expenditure by the County unless legislative approval is granted; 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 execution and submission of the required application by the County Executive to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the funds available to the Consortium from the FY2014 Emergency Solutions Grant Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby accepts a \$167,781 Emergency Solutions Grant with a dollar for dollar "match" from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for FY2014; and

RESOLVED, That no money will be spent under the Emergency Solutions Grant Program involving any expenditure by the County unless legislative approval is granted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, upon approval of the application by HUD, the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the execution by the County Executive of the grant agreement and of any and all necessary instruments and documents in furtherance of the FY2014 Emergency Solutions Grant Program submission and program, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, upon approval of the application by HUD and upon execution of the grant agreement by the County Executive and by HUD, the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Rockland be and is hereby authorized and directed to establish new accounts for the FY2014 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

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Introduced by:

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**RESOLUTION NO. OF 2014
APPROVING THE FY2014 SUBMISSION OF THE
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) APPLICATION
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$606,834 FOR HOME ALLOCATION
WITH A COUNTY MATCH OF 25%
TO BE DOCUMENTED WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
AND UPON ITS APPROVAL AUTHORIZING
THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE
ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS AND
AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO ESTABLISH NEW
ACCOUNTS FOR THE FY2014 HOME FUNDS
[OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT]
(\$606,834)**

WHEREAS, Various towns and villages within Rockland County have formed a Consortium for the purpose of obtaining funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for necessary eligible activities under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, a HUD program entitled "HOME Investment Partnership" (HOME) Program provides funds to expand affordable housing opportunities for low income families; and

WHEREAS, The Rockland County Consortium is eligible to receive grant monies from the HOME Investment Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, The Rockland County Consortium has been designated as a "Participating Jurisdiction" under the HOME Program by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

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WHEREAS, The County of Rockland has been advised by HUD that its HOME allocation for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 will be \$606,834; and

WHEREAS, The current HOME regulations require a minimum "match" of 25% of non-Federal funds from state, local, private or other funding sources be generated and/or identified by the participating jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The participating sub-recipients, upon receipt and disbursement of any portion of the grant funds shall be individually liable to account to HUD for their matching share contribution; and

WHEREAS, The County Executive and the County Legislature agree that no money will be spent under the HOME program involving an expenditure by the County unless legislative approval is granted; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves the execution and submission of the required application by the County Executive to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the funds available to the Consortium from the HOME Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature of Rockland County hereby accepts the FY2014 HOME allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$606,834; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, upon approval of the application by HUD, the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves, generally and pursuant to Local Law No. 18 of 1996, the execution by the County Executive of the grant agreement and of any and all necessary instruments and documents in furtherance of the FY2014 submission and program, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That, upon approval of the application by HUD and upon execution of the grant agreement by the County Executive and by HUD, the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Rockland be and is hereby authorized and directed to establish new accounts for the FY2014 HOME funds.

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Introduced by

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**RESOLUTION NO. OF 2014
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE
CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN FOR FY2014
TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVING
EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
OF ALL NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS
(NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS)
[OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT]
(\$2,049,017)**

WHEREAS, Various towns and villages within Rockland County have formed a Consortium for the purpose of obtaining funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for necessary eligible activities under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Each member of the Consortium has signed a Cooperation Agreement for the program years 2012, 2013 and 2014 with the County of Rockland to apply for said Community Development funds for said program years and to carry out Community Development activities; and

WHEREAS, The total population of the Consortium communities exceeds 200,000 people, hereby enabling the County of Rockland to apply for said funds as an "Urban County;" and

WHEREAS, The County of Rockland has been advised by HUD that its Community Development allocation for the Program Year 2014 will be approximately \$2,049,017, and program income will be approximately \$15,487 (Funds for the HOME Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant are being accepted by separate resolution due to the need for County Contribution); and

WHEREAS, It is necessary, in order to obtain the funds, that the County Executive execute and submit to HUD the County's Consolidated Action Plan for FY2014 (a copy of which is attached as "Schedule A"); and

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WHEREAS, It is necessary, in order to implement the Plan and its projects, that the County Executive execute on behalf of the County of Rockland various instruments and documents for each project, including but not limited to, a "Variable/Fixed Rate Note" and a "Contract for Loan Guarantee Assistance Under Section 108 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended;" and

WHEREAS, The Consortium communities have authorized the activities to be included in Rockland County's submission for Program Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, No County funds are required for this program; and

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 18 of 1996 provides for the Legislature to approve "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 execution and submission by the County Executive of the County's Consolidated Action Plan for FY2014, as recommended by the County Consortium, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and be it further

RESOLVED, That, upon approval of the County's Consolidated Action Plan for FY2014 to HUD, the Legislature of Rockland County hereby approves, generally and pursuant to Local Law No. 18 of 1996, the execution by the County Executive of the grant agreement and of any and all necessary instruments and documents with respect to the federal funds in furtherance of the Plan submission and program, subject to the approval of the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, upon approval of the submitted Consolidated Action Plan for FY2014 by HUD and upon execution of the grant agreement by the County Executive and by HUD, the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Rockland be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to establish new accounts for the FY2014 Community Development funds.

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Introduced by:
Hon. Jay Hood, Jr., Sponsor

Referral No. 9224
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RESOLUTION NO. OF 2014
REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY PASS BILL
A.5786 AND THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASS BILL S.5056 - AN
ACT TO AMEND THE EDUCATION LAW TO REQUIRE MINORS WHO
ARE FIVE YEARS OLD TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN

WHEREAS, years of research has proven that kindergarten is a crucial time in the development of children and those who attend kindergarten perform better in school than those who do not attend kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, while State Education Law states that five-year-olds are entitled to a free public education, school attendance is not compulsory until a child is six years old. Due to this anomaly, a school district that does not offer kindergarten instruction would be required to enroll a five-year-old and place them in a first grade class, which is not an appropriate placement; and

WHEREAS, many parents are not aware of the law entitling five-year-olds to a free public education, especially those with less education or living in high-needs areas, whose children would benefit the most from kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, while all the school districts in the state currently offer kindergarten, some districts facing budgetary challenges have threatened to eliminate it since it is not required by law in most of the state. New York City, Rochester and Syracuse already require all five-year-olds to attend kindergarten instruction; and

WHEREAS, bills A.5786 and S.5056 would apply to Rockland and Westchester counties - both of which have recently had school districts threaten to eliminate optional kindergarten instruction - and require all minors who are five years old on or before December first to attend kindergarten instruction, with the provisions not applying to:

- 1) minors whose parents choose not to enroll them in school until the following September; and
- 2) students enrolled in non-public schools or in-home instruction;

and

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

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Rockland County hereby urges the New York State Assembly to pass Bill A.5786 and the New York State Senate to pass Bill S.5056 - an act to amend the Education Law to require minors who are five years old to attend kindergarten; 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. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; Hon. David Carlucci, Hon. William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Senators, Hon. Kenneth P. Zebrowski, Jr., Hon. Ellen C. Jaffee, and Hon. James G. Skoufis, Members of the New York State Assembly; the President Pro Tem of the New York State Senate; the Speaker of the New York State Assembly; the Majority and Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and Assembly; and to such other persons as the Clerk, in his discretion, may deem proper in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

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