

RESOLUTION NO. 55

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NYS OFFICE FOR SMALL CITIES REGARDING WORKFORCE HOUSING

Introduced: 2/11/08

By Audit and Finance Committee, Messrs. Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Comisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Executive has requested authorization to apply to the New York State Office for Small Cities (OSC) for a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant to rehabilitate substandard housing for low-and-moderate income households, and

WHEREAS, The Executive indicated that the grant request amount is based on an estimated cost of \$25,000 per unit to rehabilitate approximately 25 housing units, plus another \$135,000 toward reimbursement of staff costs for grant administration and program delivery, and

WHEREAS, The Executive indicated that, using a \$25,000 technical assistance planning grant the County is seeking from OSC, a team of County employees will collaborate with interested municipalities, nonprofits and property owners to identify eligible projects that have strong municipal support and to develop a ranking system to select housing stock where investments in renovation and development can most efficiently be made, and

WHEREAS, The Executive indicated that all municipalities are eligible for capital grant funding with the exception of the City of Albany, the Town and Village of Colonie and the Village of Menands which are excluded because these municipalities already receive entitlement funds through the Federal block grants, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit an application for \$750,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to the NYS Office for Small Cities regarding rehabilitation of workforce housing, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said grant application 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. 2/11/08