

## RESOLUTION NO. 214

### **AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES REGARDING THE CREATION OF A LOCAL RE-ENTRY TASK FORCE**

Introduced: 6/9/08

By Social Services Committee and Ms. McKnight:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested approval to submit a grant application for up to \$200,000 to the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to establish a Re-Entry Task Force program aimed at improving services to transition parolees, state prisoners discharged after serving their maximum sentences, County jail discharges and high-risk probationers into the community, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that the number of state prisoners released to Albany County has nearly doubled over the past decade, from 457 in 1997 to more than 800 in 2007, with about 40% re-incarcerated within three years for parole violations or repeat felonies, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated the grant requires the County to hire a Re-Entry Coordinator who would work with multiple County departments, State agencies and community organizations to assist high-need offenders in securing housing, employment, treatment and other financial and supportive resources to reduce recidivism, improve self-sufficiency and enhance public safety, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application for funding with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in an amount up to \$200,000 regarding the establishment of a Re-Entry Task Force program, 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. 6/9/08*