

RESOLUTION NO. 314

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES REGARDING THE CREATION OF A LOCAL RE-ENTRY TASK FORCE

Introduced: 9/8/08

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Social Services has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$150,325 regarding the creation of a local 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 increased over the past decade with about 40% re-incarcerated within three years for parole violations or repeat felonies, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that the agreement 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 enter into an agreement with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$150,325 regarding the creation of a local Re-Entry Task Force Program for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement 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. 9/8/08