

RESOLUTION NO. 81

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALBANY HOUSING AUTHORITY REGARDING THE FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM GRANT

Introduced: 3/9/09

By Social Services Committee, Messrs. Clenahan and McCoy:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the Albany Housing Authority regarding the Family Unification Program, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that the Albany Housing Authority is seeking a federal HUD grant for the program which would help provide rental assistance payments for clients who are involved with the child welfare system, help find affordable and decent housing in a safe and supportive environment and would help ensure that children who remain with their families or are reunited with their families are safe and secure and not subject to neglect as a result of homelessness or inadequate housing, and

WHEREAS, If the Housing Authority grant is awarded, the Commissioner indicated that the Department for Children, Youth and Families would not receive funding, but would work with the Housing Authority as outlined in the agreement to provide housing vouchers to individuals who are leaving the foster care system and/or to families where there is a domestic violence issue, dilapidated housing or shelter concern if there is a risk that children will be placed in foster care as a result of those situations, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement between the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families and the Albany Housing Authority regarding the Family Unification Program, 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. 3/9/09