



Tompkins County Legislature

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 07/10/17 04:00 PM
Department: County Administration
Category: Housing
Functional Category: Human Services Agencies

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION NO. DOC ID: 7103

1 **Appropriation of \$50,000 from Contingent Fund to Support the**
2 **Ithaca/Tompkins Continuum of Care’s Transitional Housing Plan**

3 WHEREAS, the shortage of affordable housing has been identified as one of Tompkins County’s most critical
4 challenges, and

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6 WHEREAS, as one of many initiatives undertaken by this Legislature to understand and help mitigate the
7 affordable housing crisis, a “multi-year over-target” request was approved as a part of the 2017 County Budget process
8 that provided \$50,000 per year for three years to support the development and implementation of a plan (the “Plan”) by
9 the Human Services Coalition, as lead agency for the Ithaca/Tompkins Continuum of Care, for transitional housing
10 serving the homeless or those re-entering the community from incarceration and/or recovery, and

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12 WHEREAS, \$50,000 was allocated to the 2017 Contingent Fund awaiting the development of such a Plan by
13 the Ithaca/Tompkins Continuum of Care, and

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15 WHEREAS, the Human Services Coalition, as lead agency for the Ithaca/Tompkins Continuum of Care, has
16 undertaken an inclusive process of soliciting proposals from area non-profit agencies and has recommended funding
17 three projects with 2017 funding, namely:

- 18 \$27,000 to Catholic Charities, in partnership with the Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services (INHS), for a
19 “bridging the gap” rental subsidy intended to assist individuals meet the tenancy criteria for a rental unit
20 through INHS,
21 \$5,000 to the Advocacy Center to establish an Emergency Housing Fund for victims of domestic violence with
22 the intent of preventing homelessness through this one-time financial support,
23 \$18,000 to Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources (OAR) to support renovations to its “Endeavor House”
24 project, a four-bedroom house that will provide transitional housing for those returning to the community from
25 the Tompkins County Jail, and

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27 WHEREAS, this Legislature concurs that the proposed use of funds is consistent with the intent established
28 during the 2017 Budget process, will contribute toward the mitigation of the County’s housing crises, and should be
29 released to support the Plan, now therefore be it

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31 RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and the Budget, Capital, and Personnel
32 Committees, That funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the housing initiative be allocated to the Human Services
33 Coalition, as lead agency for the Ithaca/Tompkins Continuum of Care, for the purpose of supporting the three projects
34 stated herein,
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36 RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized and directed to make the
37 following budget appropriation in fiscal year 2017:

38 FROM	A1990.54400	Contingent Fund	\$50,000
39 TO:	A6305.54400	Human Services Coalition-Program Expense	\$50,000

40 **SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**