



**Tompkins County Legislature**

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 11/07/19 05:30 PM  
Department: County Administration  
Category: Housing  
Functional Category: Housing

**SCHEDULED**

**RESOLUTION NO.      *DOC ID: 8913 A***

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1      **Commitment of Additional Tompkins County Program Income Funds**  
2      **to the Community Housing Development Fund**

3            WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature through Resolution No. 2009-31, authorized funding for the  
4      Community Housing Affordability Program and the Community Housing Trust Program, jointly known as the  
5      Housing Fund, and accepted and approved the Memorandum of Understanding among the County of Tompkins, the  
6      City of Ithaca, and Cornell University that established the Housing Fund for the period of time spanning 2009 to 2015,  
7      and  
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9            WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature through Resolution No. 2015-154, authorized funding for the  
10     Housing Fund under the new name, “Community Housing Development Fund,” and accepted and approved the  
11     Memorandum of Understanding among the County of Tompkins, the City of Ithaca, and Cornell University that  
12     extended the Community Housing Development Fund for the period of time spanning 2015 to 2021, and  
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14            WHEREAS, the CHDF Program helps communities, organizations, and housing developers throughout  
15     Tompkins County respond to the diverse affordable housing needs of residents by providing grant funds towards the  
16     construction and rehabilitation of housing units that will remain affordable to successive buyers or renters, and  
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18            WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan (2015), the Tompkins County Housing Needs  
19     Assessment (2016), and Tompkins County Housing Strategy (2017) detail policies, data, and goals related to housing  
20     affordability for Tompkins County residents and the importance of ensuring an adequate supply of affordable housing  
21     in the community, and  
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23            WHEREAS, in its first ten years of existence, the CHDF Program has awarded \$3.8 million towards the  
24     construction and rehabilitation of 491 affordable housing units, of which 385 units have already been built or are  
25     currently under construction, and  
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27            WHEREAS, in recent years, CHDF award requests have begun to exceed available funding, and the shortage  
28     of funds as compared to requests is anticipated to worsen in the remaining years of the current program period, which  
29     could potentially delay or prevent a number of affordable housing units from moving forward to construction, and  
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31            WHEREAS, each of the current CHDF partners have been asked to consider increasing their contributions for  
32     the CHDF’s November 2019 - November 2020 and November 2020 - November 2021 funding years, and  
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34            WHEREAS, the CHDF Program is an established program that is successfully advancing Tompkins County’s  
35     affordable housing policies and targets, while serving as an effective public-private partnership and community-driven  
36     solution to local affordable housing challenges, and  
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38            WHEREAS, the County’s past and current contributions to the CHDF Program use funds from Community  
39     Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and New  
40     York State for homeownership assistance loans, repayment of which began in September 1995 and, under HUD rules,  
41     these program income funds must be re-spent for like purposes as the original grants, and  
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43            WHEREAS, under the CHDF’s current Memorandum of Understanding (2015), Tompkins County has  
44     committed at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per year for six years and now seeks to increase that  
45     amount by an additional one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per year during the last two years of the current

1 agreement, now therefore be it  
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3           RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Housing and Economic Development Committee, That for the final  
4 two years of the CHDF Program under the 2015 Memorandum of Understanding, Tompkins County shall provide an  
5 additional one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in funding per year in a cumulative amount not to exceed an  
6 additional two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) over two years, through the Community Housing Development  
7 Fund,  
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9           RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director is authorized and directed to make the following budget  
10 adjustment:  
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12	Fund Balance: CD 30909000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$200,000
13	Appropriation: 8695.54400	Program Expense	\$200,000

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15           RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to execute any required  
16 amendment to the Community Housing Development Fund Memorandum of Understanding or other documents  
17 required in order to affect this program consistent with this resolution.

18 **SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II-26