



**Tompkins County Legislature**

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 03/24/15 03:30 PM  
Department: County Administration  
Category: Intermunicipal

Functional Category: Contingent Fund, Ithaca Downtown Alliance

**SCHEDULED**

**RESOLUTION NO.      DOC ID: 5451**

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1    **Authorizing an Appropriation of \$20,000 from the Contingent Fund to**  
2    **Support a Community Outreach Worker Program in Downtown**  
3    **Ithaca**

4        WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca has been engaged in the long and thoughtful process of rebuilding its  
5    downtown, including the complete redesign of the Ithaca Commons in an effort to create a downtown space where  
6    every person feels welcome and where businesses and services thrive, and  
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8        WHEREAS, much attention has been paid to understanding the needs, concerns, and wishes of the various  
9    downtown stakeholders (e.g., merchants, shoppers, tourists, visitors, restaurant goers, eatery owners, service providers,  
10    lenders, landlords, tenants, etc.) in order to effectively provide and promote continually positive and inclusive  
11    stakeholder experiences for those living, working, and visiting Ithaca’s downtown area, and  
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13        WHEREAS, a Steering Committee comprised of designees of the City, County, Downtown Ithaca Alliance  
14    (DIA), and Family and Children’s Service (F&CS) -- (“the Funding Partners”) was tasked with looking into ways to  
15    help promote an inclusive and positive downtown experience with its development of the Community Outreach  
16    Worker Program, and  
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18        WHEREAS, the purpose of the Community Outreach Worker Program is to create an effective infrastructure  
19    for developing, monitoring, and promoting a universally-applied standard of conduct for individuals in the targeted  
20    downtown that is both inclusive and encourages tolerance by way of referral, education/outreach, equal access,  
21    mediation, and conflict resolution, and  
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23        WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca has authorized the expenditure of \$20,000 to support the Community Outreach  
24    Worker initiative, and the DIA \$10,000 for the same, and  
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26        WHEREAS, F&CS has committed to serve as the employer of the Community Outreach Worker position  
27    envisioned by this initiative and has graciously committed to devote substantial overhead and other resources in  
28    addition to the above-noted funding in furtherance of the success of this program, and  
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30        WHEREAS, the Funding Partners will have an opportunity to evaluate a sizable portion of the inaugural year  
31    of this initiative when considering funding of ensuing years of this initiative, and  
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33        WHEREAS, in support of the City of Ithaca’s exploration and potential implementation of such a Community  
34    Outreach Worker Program, the Tompkins County Legislature appropriated \$20,000 to the 2015 County Contingent  
35    account to contribute to the program, subject to additional legislative review of the details of the program and also to  
36    confirm that funding had been committed to the program by the City of Ithaca and other funding partners, and  
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38        WHEREAS, the Legislature directed that if the funds are released from the Contingent account, they be  
39    allocated to the Tompkins County Library to assure that Community Outreach Worker Program will extend to the  
40    Green Street corridor adjacent to the Library, now therefore be it  
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42        RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services, the Government Operations, and the  
43    Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committees, That the County Administrator be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into  
44    a funding agreement with the City and Family and Children’s Service in furtherance of the initiative detailed in this

1 resolution,

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3 RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be authorized to make the following budget appropriation:

4 FROM: A1990.54400 Contingent Fund \$20,000

5 TO: A7411.54400 County Library Program Expense \$20,000

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