



Onondaga County Legislature

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

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1:00 p.m.
December 11, 2024

401 Montgomery St., Room 407 Court House
Syracuse, New York 13202

- A. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- B. Presentation of Resolutions and Local Laws:

1. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES-ECONOMIC SECURITY:

- a. Amending the 2024 Onondaga County Budget to Accept Grant Funds from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for Onondaga County's Child Poverty Reduction Initiative Program (\$12,250,000)

2. HEALTH:

- a. INFORMATIONAL: WIC Update

- C. Adjournment

December 17, 2024

Motion Made By Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AMENDING THE 2024 ONONDAGA COUNTY BUDGET TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE FOR ONONDAGA COUNTY’S CHILD POVERTY REDUCTION INITIATIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, New York State, through its Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), has awarded the County of Onondaga funding in the amount of \$12,250,000 for its Child Poverty Reduction Initiative (CPRI) Program; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to include such funds in the Onondaga County Department of Social Services – Economic Security’s 2024 budget and authorize the execution of agreements; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute agreements and such other documents as may be reasonably necessary to implement the intent of this resolution; and, be it further

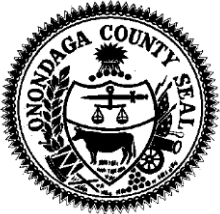
RESOLVED, that the 2024 County budget be amended as follows:

REVENUES:

In Admin Unit 8110000000	
Department of Social Services – Economic Security	
Speed Type #430413	
Project: 785410024	
CPRI Program	
In Acct. 590025	
St Aid – Social Services	\$12,250,000

APPROPRIATIONS:

In Admin Unit 8110000000	
Department of Social Services – Economic Security	
Speed Type #430413	
Project: 785410024	
CPRI Program	
In Acct. 695700	
Contractual Services	\$12,250,000



DEPARTMENT PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE:

To accept grant funds from the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) for Onondaga County's Child Poverty Reduction Initiative (CPRI) Program.

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:

The grant specifics that households within the City of Syracuse who receive or are eligible for Family Assistance (TANF) are to be served with this funding. OTDA has approved using the funds over a three-year period for four specific programs.

1) Expanding the 2Gen Onondaga Generational Poverty Reduction initiative, part of the County Executive's PIE agenda, a comprehensive program to break the cycle of poverty in Onondaga County. This program focuses on helping young parents on temporary assistance achieve long-term self-sufficiency through comprehensive, multigenerational support. Components include mobility mentoring, economic stability through "benefits cliff" supports, comprehensive goal planning in five main areas of family well-being: social capital, economic assets, child development, post-secondary education, and health and well-being. In addition, while working with heads of households, the initiative works with non-custodial parents on employment and parenting. Grant funds will enable Department of Social Services - Economic Security (DSS-ES) to hire ten additional staff for this initiative. We anticipate serving 450 households over a three-year period.

2) Housing Assistance and Network for Community Engagement (CNY CHANCE) - DSS-ES will contract with Homeless and Housing Coalition to operate a landlord incentive and retention service and a tenant navigation service. Landlords who rent to Temporary Assistance clients will have a "one stop/one call" support system to address any tenant issues. Tenants will be able to access Tenant Navigators who will provide information on rights and responsibilities and assist with landlord issues. This model has been successful in Cincinnati, Las Vegas, Omaha and Dallas to expand and sustain permanent housing options for very low income households. We anticipate bringing online 750 new units and supporting 450 tenants over a three-year period.

3) Attendance project focused on school absenteeism - Department of Children and Family Services will lead this program and work in partnership with the Syracuse City School District. The program's goal is to ensure every student can succeed by regularly attending school. To combat chronic absenteeism, the project will embed a full-time Attendance Liaison within 7 schools. This Liaison will partner with the principal, vice principal, social worker, psychologist, and other school personnel to identify and support students struggling with consistent attendance issues. Supports may include transportation assistance, housing and utility support, health and mental health services, clothing, nutritional support and child care assistance. Each Liaison will serve 50 families. We anticipate assisting 1,050 families over a three-year period.

4) Diaper distribution for Temporary Assistance Families - DSS-ES will work with the Diaper Bank of Central New York to procure diapers and Early Childhood Alliance to distribute them. Households with children ages 0 to 3 will receive free diapers. For low-income families that have very limited resources and may have to weigh purchasing diapers versus other necessities such as clothing or food. It is well documented that without an adequate supply of diapers, children are at risk of developing health issues such as diaper rash and infections. Research has shown, however, that an inability to provide necessities for one's child is particularly frustrating and pernicious to the wellbeing of parents. We anticipate serving 1,995 children over a three-year period.

FUNDING SOURCE:

NYS Office of Temporary and Distability Assistance (OTDA). TANF funds.

BUDGET:

\$12,250,000