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LOCAL LAW NO. 7 - 2011

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A GRANT FUND FOR TOWNS, VILLAGES, AND FIRE DISTRICTS LOCATED WITHIN ONONDAGA COUNTY TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARED SERVICES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings/Purpose. In an attempt to reduce taxes, many local governments are looking for new ways to gain greater efficiencies in providing services to their constituents while maintaining the quality level of such services. Some of these local governments would like to explore opportunities for cooperation with other government entities and share in the provision of such services, but the costs related to conducting these studies may be prohibitive. To encourage innovation and creativity in finding solutions, the county will make grant funds available to selected municipalities for such studies, the results of which may be reproducible and may inspire further cooperation in other local governments within Onondaga County for the benefit of the County's taxpayers.

Section 2. Program Establishment. This Onondaga County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into agreements with selected towns, villages, and fire districts in Onondaga County to provide financial assistance in an amount up to \$5,000 per study. The amount of the grant provided by the County shall not exceed fifty percent of the total cost of the study. Such grants would be made for the purpose of enabling the selected towns, villages and fire districts to study methods of consolidation and to promote shared services among other government entities. The selected towns, villages, and fire districts are encouraged to share the results of any final reports generated using such grant funds with the County and with other municipalities. This program shall continue in effect until terminated by future act of this Legislature and shall be subject to annual appropriations.

Section 3. Eligibility. All towns, villages, and fire districts located in Onondaga County shall be eligible to submit proposals to the Office of the County Executive to be considered for funding consistent with the purpose of this local law. The Office of the County Executive shall develop a program protocol within thirty days of the adoption of this local law, which protocol shall provide guidelines for application and participation and shall further provide for the management of the program. Such proposals may be considered on a rolling basis. A copy of such protocol shall be provided annually to the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee of this Legislature.

Section 4. Submission of Proposals. The Clerk of this Legislature hereby is directed to transmit copies of this local law to each of the towns, villages, and fire districts in Onondaga County so that such municipalities may develop proposals for submission to the Office of the County Executive for consideration

Section 5. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately and shall be filed pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law.

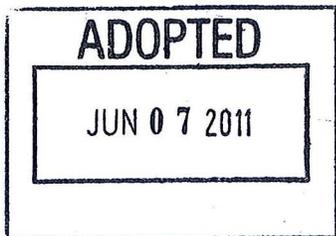
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE

7th DAY OF June, 2011.

Deborah A. Maturo

CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK



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