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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

**1:00 p.m.
February 21, 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. SOCIAL SERVICES – ECONOMIC SECURITY:

- a. 2023 Transfer Resolution (\$30,300)

2. ADULT & LONG TERM CARE:

- a. 2023 Transfer Resolution (\$21,000)

3. HEALTH:

- a. 2023 Transfer Resolution (\$326,000)
- b. Authorizing the Execution of Agreements with the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District Providing for the Transfer of Funding for Finger Lakes - Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLLWPA)

4. CNY LYME & TICK-BORNE DISEASE ALLIANCE:

- a. 2024 Transfer Resolution (\$75,000)

- C. Adjournment

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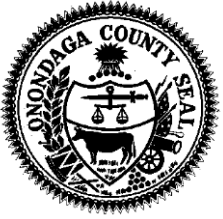
Motion Made By Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. _____

2023 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 8100000000	Admin Unit 8100000000	
DSS-Economic Security	DSS-Economic Security	
Speed Type #430814	Speed Type #430629	
Acct. 661180	Acct. 668720	
Medical Payment by State MMIS	Transfer to Grant Expenditures	\$30,300



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - ECONOMIC SECURITY PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

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PURPOSE:

Purchase 39 electronic work stations for TA Employment (formally JOBSplus!) staff.

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:

One-time work station purchase - \$30,300

Prior to absorbing JOBSplus!, we provided all DSS-ES sit stands to improve employees' well-being and productivity. Now that TA employment staff are part of DSS-ES, extending sit stands to these staff would be beneficial to their well-being and productivity too. Unfortunately, to squeeze the number of JOBSplus! staff on 4KOB when we had to move them from the Salvation Army building, their workstations are smaller than the average DSS-ES work station. The model of Sit Stand DSS-ES purchased for the department will not fit on the smaller work surfaces. Therefore, DSS-ES needs to purchase 39 electronic work tables to accomplish the same thing as sit stands. When the TA Intake space was renovated in 2KOB, work stations were outfitted with similar electronic work stations. These work stations have worked very well in that area.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Medical Payment by State MMIS

BUDGET:

\$30,300

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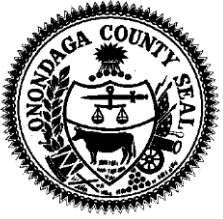
Motion Made By Dr. Kelly

RESOLUTION NO. _____

2023 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Adult Protective Unit 8200000000	Admin Unit 8200000000	
Adult and Long Term Care Services	Adult and Long Term Care Services	
Speed Type #435007	Speed Type #435022	
Acct. 694080	Acct. 668720	
Professional Services	Transfer to Grant Expenditures	\$21,000



DEPARTMENT OF ADULT AND LONG TERM CARE SERVICES PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHEET

PURPOSE:

Purchase of Shelf Stable Meals and Accessible Furniture

OBJECTIVE/ WORK PLAN:

Shelf Stable Meals-Purchase of Shelf Stable Meals for frail and low-income seniors who participate in the Meals-on-Wheels programs throughout the County. A total of three (3) Shelf Stable Meals will be delivered to each participant at their home, similar to the Meals on Wheels delivery. These extra meals, known as "Blizzard Bags" are delivered to each participant to ensure that the seniors will have nutritious, and safe, food to eat when a regular meal delivery cannot occur during inclement weather, such as a severe snow storm or other weather event that prohibits the volunteers from their normal delivery.

Shelf Stable Meals (Blizzard Bags) are equipped with packaging that is easy to open and does not require electricity. This ensures that can goods supplied can be opened during a power outage. A total of 1800 will be purchased.

Accessible Furniture: The Department plans to replace the decades-old furniture that is currently in the 10th Floor West waiting area. Most clientele that come to the 10th Floor are seniors and/or persons with disabilities. The current furniture is too low, and narrow, to allow for easy access for those visiting the Office for Aging, the Veterans Service Agency and Adult Mental Health, which all occupy the 10th Floor West location. New, accessible furniture in this space will allow for the comfort and dignity of those seeking needed services.

FUNDING SOURCE:

2023 Local Dollars

BUDGET:

Shelf Stable Meals (Blizzard Bags) \$18,000

Accessible Furniture: \$ 3,000

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2023 TRANSFER RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the following transfer be made:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Admin Unit 4300000000 Health Department Speed Type #330501 Acct. 641010 Regular Employee Salaries	Admin Unit 4300000000 Health Department Speed Type #330501 Acct. 668720 Transfer to Grant Expenditures	\$95,000
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Admin Unit 4300000000 Health Department Speed Type #333422 Acct. 641010 Regular Employee Salaries	Admin Unit 4300000000 Health Department Speed Type #333422 Acct. 668720 Transfer to Grant Expenditures	\$75,000



MEO - Forensic Investigation Vehicle & Infrastructure

PURPOSE:

Replace vehicle taken out of service in late 2023 for Forensic Investigators scene response.

Replace biohoods in the MEO Toxicology Lab and install new counters cabinets in the Xray area.

OBJECTIVE:

In late September / early October an MEO scene investigation vehicle was unexpectedly deemed unfit for repair / use. An SUV was leveraged from Environmental Health after summer field work wound down. A replacement vehicle is needed to ensure 24/7 coverage for forensic investigators to get to scenes when needed, not impact other Health Department operations during 2024. \$45,000

The biohoods used in daily casework in the Toxicology lab have reached the end of their usable lifespan. This important laboratory safety equipment protects both the staff and the samples being analyzed from contamination. Reasonable use lifespans factor in such things as physical degradation of the units, energy savings, performance improvements, and the ability for vendors to service and provide parts to the equipment - \$35,000. The implementation of the new Lodox full body x-ray imaging device requires changes to physical layout of the workspace area including cabinets and countertops. \$15,000

FUNDING SOURCE: Regular Employee Salary Savings

BUDGET: \$95,000

Forensic Laboratories - Equipment**PURPOSE:**

Replace comparison microscope.

OBJECTIVE:

The comparison microscope is “the most important technique in the field of forensic firearms examination and comparison.” (National Institute of Justice, 2023) The current comparison microscope is well beyond its meaningful life and must be replaced. Critical to addressing gun-relating crimes, this equipment includes two compound microscopes joined by an optical bridge to analyze toolmarks on specimens. Forensic technology has grown markedly since the purchase of the last compound microscope and is key to criminal investigation and prosecution. Improvements to optics, magnification, automation of the device, and data capture combine to improve efficiency and analysis.

FUNDING SOURCE: Regular Employee Salary Savings

BUDGET: \$96,000



Select Tablet Replacement

PURPOSE:

Replace field and clinic tablets with laptops.

OBJECTIVE:

Purchase 30 laptops and docking stations for use in clinic-based services and environmental health fieldwork services. The equipment to be replaced is used significantly away from the traditional "desk office" and has been subject to issues with internet/network connectivity, battery and charging failures, and fragility.

In addition, the use of laptops in clinic-based service areas will reduce the need for purchasing additional EMR licenses and the total cost of Medent, which is based on the number of unique connections and not users.

FUNDING SOURCE: Regular Employee Salary Savings

BUDGET: \$50,000



Data Visualization Software

PURPOSE:

Implement visualization software to improve data analysis, support performance management, and improve communication efforts.

OBJECTIVE:

Purchase 10 Tableau licenses. Tableau is a visual analytics platform. This tool aligns with the Department's goal to utilize data to improve performance, services, and staff development. Used to manage and explore data, the platform will be incorporated into our performance management and quality improvement programs.

Integral to supporting and reporting our new Strategic Plan efforts, a data-driven culture is key to our reaccreditation efforts.

FUNDING SOURCE: Regular Employee Salary Savings

BUDGET: \$10,000



Onondaga County Health Department

J. Ryan McMahon, II, County Executive

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Essential Need Tick Surveillance

Total Request:	\$75,000
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Tick Surveillance:	\$75,000
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Tickborne diseases have become increasingly prevalent across the nation and NYS and constitute a growing public health concern. Efforts to prevent and diagnose tickborne disease is significantly aided by access to current and accurate information on the prevalence and type of pathogens found at the local level.

Dr. Saravanan Thangamani at SUNY Upstate has been conducting tick surveillance using a Citizen Science approach (residents mail in ticks found on themselves or their pets), where the ticks are identified and tested for any diseases. Since 2019, they have received ~3,000 ticks from Onondaga County, of which 36% carried a pathogen that could cause human disease. We know from his data that Lyme disease and other tickborne diseases are increasing in our area, representing a significant public health threat to Onondaga County.

The only other testing source, NYSDOH, performs "surveillance" for only 50 ticks per year in Onondaga County, which is insufficient to have our finger on the pulse of these emerging pathogens. OCHD seeks support for continued local testing in 2024 to provide invaluable and irreplaceable data. In exchange for this support, Onondaga County residents will receive a 50% discount on testing costs.

Further detail on the program can be found here: [Upstate Tick Testing Laboratory \(nyticks.org\)](http://Upstate Tick Testing Laboratory (nyticks.org))

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AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE OSWEGO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDING FOR FINGER LAKES - LAKE ONTARIO WATERSHED PROTECTION ALLIANCE (FOLLOWPA)

WHEREAS, Onondaga County participates in the Water Resources Board (WRB), which is the administering entity of the Finger Lakes - Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA), and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has allocated funding from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) for the water quality programs through FOLLOWPA; and

WHEREAS, NYSDEC has agreed to transfer water program funding to the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District and the WRB, and the funding shall thereafter be disbursed to the WRB members and their programs; and

WHEREAS, historically, such funding has been allocated by the NYSDEC from the New York State EPF on an annual basis, and an appropriation is typically included within the County's budget process, and it is necessary to authorize the execution of agreements to allow for such annual funding to be accepted from the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District and made available for use; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as may be reasonably needed to receive the NYSDEC funds described herein and may execute renewals of such annual agreements as may be needed through 2028, within available appropriations.

Environmental Health – Finger Lakes–Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance Program



PURPOSE:

The Environmental Health's Finger Lakes - Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FOLLOWPA) Program receives funds through the Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District (OCSWCD) to fund water quality projects in Onondaga County. The money is allocated to OCSWCD by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) through their Environmental Protection Fund (EPF).

BACKGROUND:

Onondaga County's FOLLOWPA program is guided by the County's Water Quality Strategy which focuses on priority waterbodies and drinking water protection, invasive species control, agricultural best management practices, water quality monitoring, and stormwater management. The FOLLOWPA Program has supported the following projects:

- Providing for an agricultural waste tire collection and recycling program
- Water quality monitoring and assessment of Beaver Lake, Tully Lake, and Otisco Lake watershed streams.
- Conducting sonar-based aquatic vegetation abundance surveys in Otisco Lake, DeRuyter Reservoir, and Tully Lake.
- Providing funding to assist invasive species aquatic vegetation control programs in DeRuyter Reservoir, Otisco Lake, Skaneateles Lake, and Tully Lake.
- Providing support for water chestnut control in the Seneca River.
- Soil and sediment control training for members of the Onondaga Earth Corps job readiness program for new construction workers.

FOLLOWPA funds/ projects have leveraged other grants such as the development of the Otisco Lake Management Plan and Aquatic Nuisance Species grants for Water Chestnut control.

FOLLOWPA grant funds are budgeted annually in the Onondaga County Health Department's grant budget. The grant funding for 2023-2024 is \$107,200.

Past projects have included collaborations with: Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District, Onondaga County Water Environment Protection, Onondaga County Parks Dept., Onondaga County Water Authority, OCSWCD, Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District, City of Syracuse Water Dept., Madison County Planning Dept., Otisco Lake Preservation Association, Skaneateles Lake Association, Tioughnioga Lake Preservation Foundation, and Tully Lake Property Owners Association.

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Admin Unit 4300000000	Admin Unit 4300000000	
Health Department	Health Department	
Speed Type #333422	Speed Type #333422	
Acct. 666500	Acct. 668720	
Contingent Account	Transfer to Grant Expenditures	\$75,000