Bill No. 8315-14

No. 22-14-RE

A RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny approving a project for the benefit of Chatham University to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's revenue obligations to be issued in aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$18,000,000, provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the obligations, and determining that the purpose of the financing will be to benefit the health and welfare of the citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Whereas, Chatham University (the "<u>University</u>") has requested that the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority (the "<u>Authority</u>") finance the "Project" hereinafter described by the issuance of the Authority's revenue obligations (the "<u>Obligations</u>") in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$18,000,000; and

Whereas, the Authority was created by the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (the "County") under the Municipality Authorities Act, as amended (the "Act"), and is authorized under the Act to issue its bonds for the purposes aforesaid, and the Authority has determined that the public interest will be served and that the purposes of the Act can be furthered by the Authority's issuance of bonds in order to obtain funds to loan to the University for the foregoing purposes; and

Whereas, the Project includes: (i) constructing a residence hall and a commons building containing a dining hall, classrooms, and a student lounge at the University's Eden Hall Farms Campus located at 6035 Ridge Road, Gibsonia, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania 15044; and (ii) the payment of all or a portion of the costs of issuing the Obligations (collectively, the "Project"); and

Whereas, 53 Pa. C.S.A Section 5607(b)(2)(iv) of the Act provides, among other things, that school building projects and facilities, such as the Project and the facilities at which the Project will be located, to be financed with loans to private, nonprofit, nonsectarian universities such as the University may be financed by an authority created under the Act, notwithstanding that such projects and facilities may duplicate or compete with existing enterprises serving substantially the same purposes, if the municipality organizing such authority declares by resolution or ordinance that it is desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people in the area served by such projects and facilities to have such projects and facilities provided by, or financed through, such authority; and

Whereas, the Authority has determined that the University is an eligible institution under the Act.

Whereas, the following resolutions are adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Municipality Authorities Act, Act No. 22 of 2001, as amended by Act No. 110 of 2001, 53 Pa. C.S.A. Section 5601 et seq., including without limitation Section 5607(a)(15) thereof; and

Whereas, neither the Obligations nor the approval granted hereby shall obligate the taxing power of the County of Allegheny in any way, and shall be limited obligations of the Authority, payable solely from the revenues pledged by the University.

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of the Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

SECTION 2. Terms Defined.

Terms used in the Recitals to these Resolutions are herein used as therein defined.

SECTION 3. Approval of Project and Bonds.

For the purposes set forth in the Recitals, and subject to the limitations set forth below in Section 3.B., the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, acting by and through its County Council, hereby declares;

- A. that it is desirable for the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the County of Allegheny to have the Project financed through the Authority and hereby approves the Project and the Obligations; and
- B. that neither the Obligations nor the approval granted hereby shall obligate the taxing power of the County of Allegheny in any way, and shall be limited obligations of the Authority, payable solely from the revenues pledged by the University.
- SECTION 4. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Resolution shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Resolution which shall be in full force and effect.
- SECTION 5. <u>Repealer</u>. Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Resolution.

Enacted in Council, this 1st day of July , 2014
Council Agenda No. 8315-14
John DeFazio President of Council
Attest: Jared Barker Chief Clerk of Council
Chief Executive Office July 2, 2014
Approved: Kick Fitzgerald County Executive
Attest: Varjus Dietz Sonya Dietz Executive's Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

TO:

Jared E. Barker

Allegheny County Council

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FROM:

William D. McKain CPA

County Manager

DATE:

May 29, 2014

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Proposed Resolution

Attached is a Resolution approving a project for the benefit of Chatham University to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the Authority's revenue obligations to be issued in aggregate principal amount not in excess of \$18,000,000.

The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed this legislation prior to submitting it to Council.

I am requesting that this item be placed on the agenda at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION CHATHAM UNIVERSITY SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 3, 2014

On behalf of Chatham University (the "University"), a non-profit corporation, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority (the "Authority") intends to issue up to \$18,000,000 of tax-exempt or taxable obligations (the "Obligations"), (net of original discount and including original issue premium, plus transaction costs, capitalized interest and any required reserves). The Obligations will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000 (Project), net of original discount and including original issue premium, plus transaction costs, capitalized interest and any required reserves and will finance the costs of the following:

- (a) constructing a residence hall and a common building containing a dining hall, classrooms, and a student lounge at the University's Eden Hall Farms Campus located at 6035 Ridge Road, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania 15044; and
- (b) the payment of all or a portion of the costs of issuing the Obligations.

As is typical with these transactions issued through the Higher Education Building Authority, the Bonds are limited obligations, of the Authority, payable solely from the project or by Chatham.