

No. 38-06-RE

A RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Allegheny County Chief Executive to make all possible efforts to secure voting machines in accordance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act, 42 U.S.C. §15301 *et. seq.*, that allow for the creation of voter verified paper records (VVPRs) for each voter, and supporting House Bill 2000 and Senate Bill 977, each of which is currently pending in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act, 42 U.S.C. §15301 *et. seq.*, makes federal funding available to jurisdictions that modernize their voting systems through the purchase of new systems; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Help America Vote Act, Allegheny County was required to replace all lever voting systems in qualifying precincts within the County in time for the first election for federal office held after January 1, 2006 in order to qualify for this funding; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive and members of the Administration conducted an exhaustive evaluation of voting machines for purchase, but were not able to purchase machines that generate VVPRs, because no such machines were certified for use by the Pennsylvania Department of State; and

WHEREAS, while the Help America Vote Act does require that new voting systems purchased with the available federal funding generate a paper record that can be used to audit election results, it does not specifically require that a paper summary of individual voting decisions be made available to every voter before they confirm their selections; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Federal Election Reform has issued the following recommendation regarding voting machines: "Congress should pass a law requiring that all voting machines be equipped with a voter verifiable paper audit trail and, consistent with HAVA, be fully accessible to voters with disabilities. This is especially important for direct recording electronic (DRE) machines for four reasons: (a) to increase citizens' confidence that their vote will be counted accurately, (b) to allow for a recount, (c) to provide a backup in cases of loss of votes due to computer malfunction, and (d) to test - through a random selection of machines - whether the paper result is the same as the electronic result."; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Federal Election Reform advocates retrofitting VVPR capabilities into voting machines that do not currently produce such paper records; and

WHEREAS, the Report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform, issued in September of 2005, notes that as of August 2005, 25 states had already mandated VVPRs for each voter before they confirm their selections, and another 14 had introduced legislation to do so; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is currently among the states with legislation pending to mandate VVPRs, in the form of Senate Bill 997 and House Bill 2000;

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

SECTION 1.

The Council of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supports the selection of voting machines for Allegheny County that produce voter verified paper records for each voter before they confirm their voting choices. The Council of Allegheny County urges the Chief Executive to make all possible efforts to secure voting machines for Allegheny County that produce such VVPRs.

SECTION 2.

The Council of Allegheny County further resolves that it supports the efforts of the General Assembly to require VVPRs and audits to check the reliability and accuracy of voting machines on a statewide basis, as described in Senate Bill 977 and House Bill 2000, and urges the House and Senate to take action on each of these bills with all deliberate speed.

SECTION 3.

The Council of Allegheny County further resolves that copies of this Resolution be provided to the Governor and the General Assembly.

SECTION 4.

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.

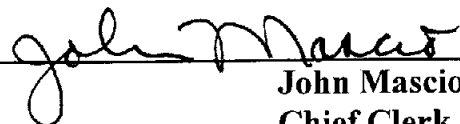
Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Resolution.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER DeFAZIO

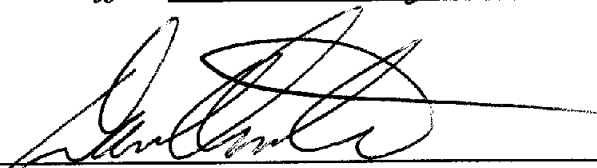
Enacted in Council, this 10th day of October, 2006

Council Agenda No. 2813-06.


Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office October 17, 2006.

Approved: 
Dan Onorato
Chief Executive

Attest: 
Donna Beltz
Executive's Secretary

Bill No. 2803-06

No. 39-06-RE

RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2006 (Submission #10-06).

Whereas, the County Council has adopted Grants for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006; and

Whereas, at the request of the County's Department of Budget and Finance, County Council desires to amend the 2006 Grants Budget.

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

Section 1. The County Council of Allegheny County approves the amendments to the Allegheny County 2006 Grants and Special Accounts Budget as set forth in Attachment A.

Section 2. The line item detail of the appropriations approved by Council shall be amended as reflected on Attachment A hereto, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

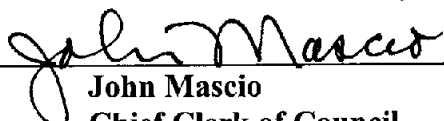
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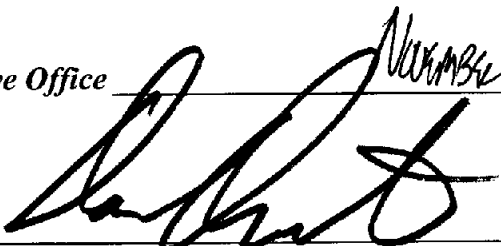
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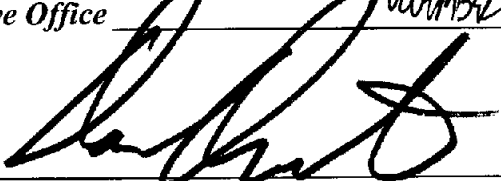
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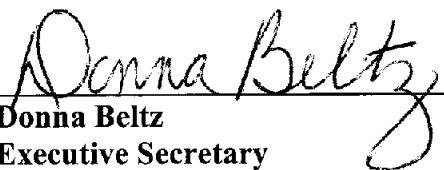
Council Agenda No. 2803-06.


Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office  November 2, 2006

Approved: 
Dan Onorato
Chief Executive

Attest: 
Donna Beltz
Executive Secretary

PROJECT		
TITLE:	STD Services Grant	
DEPARTMENT:	Health	
ENTITLEMENT		
DATE:	01/01/05-12/30/06	
FUNDING SOURCE		
	Amount	% Dist
Fees	\$0	0.00%
State	\$214,308	100.00%
Federal	\$0	0.00%
Other Funds	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL	\$214,308	100.00%
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES		
	Amount	% Dist
Personnel	\$0	0.00%
Services	\$100,000	46.66%
Operations	\$114,308	53.34%
Equipment	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL	\$214,308	100.00%
AMEND-- Amend to STD grant to augment general sexually transmitted disease services. Grant is increased from of \$1,580,822 to \$1,795,130.		

PROJECT TITLE:			Pittsburgh Municipal Court (PMC)
DEPARTMENT:			Court of Common Pleas
ENTITLEMENT			
DATE:			1/1/06-12/31/06
FUNDING SOURCE			
	Amount	% Dist	
Fees	\$0	0.00%	
State	\$2,000,000	100.00%	
Federal	\$0	0.00%	
Other Funds	\$0	0.00%	
TOTAL	\$2,000,000	100.00%	
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES			
	Amount	% Dist	
Personnel	\$1,865,934	93.30%	
Services	\$134,066	6.70%	
Operations	\$0	0.00%	
Equipment	\$0	0.00%	
TOTAL	\$2,000,000	100.00%	
NEW-- Grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support the operations of the consolidated Pittsburgh Municipal Court (PMC).			

PROJECT			Human Services Development
TITLE:			Fund
DEPARTMENT:			DHS - OCS
Entitlement			
Period			07/1/06 to 6/30/07
FUNDING SOURCE			
	Amount	% Dist	
County Match	\$0	0.00%	
State	\$ 457,198	100.00%	
Federal	\$0	0.00%	
Other Funds	\$0	0.00%	
	\$ 457,198	100.00%	
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES			
	Amount	% Dist	
Personnel	\$ 45,720	10.00%	
Services	\$ 411,478	90.00%	
Operations	\$0	0.00%	
Equipment	\$0	0.00%	
TOTAL	\$ 457,198	100.00%	
AMEND-- Accept additional Human Services Development Funds (HSDF) from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare in the amount of \$457,198, for a total of \$4,448,173 for the period 7/1/06 to 6/30/07. The Human Services Development Fund (HSDF) provides early intervention, prevention and support services for Allegheny County residents.			

PROJECT TITLE:			The Employment, Advancement and Retention (EARN)
DEPARTMENT:			DHS - OCS
ENTITLEMENT			
DATE:			07/1/06 to 6/30/07
FUNDING SOURCE			
	Amount	% Dist	
Fees	\$0	0.00%	
State	\$692,598	68.00%	
Federal	\$325,929	32.00%	
Other Funds	\$0	0.00%	
TOTAL	\$1,018,527	100.00%	
BUDGETED EXPENDITURES			
	Amount	% Dist	
Personnel ()	\$254,632	25.00%	
Services	\$763,895	75.00%	
Operations	\$0	0.00%	
Equipment	\$0	0.00%	
TOTAL	\$1,018,527	100.00%	
AMEND-- To accept an additional \$1,018,527 to increase 2006/07 \$10,198,536 for The Employment, Advancement and Retention (EARN) PA Dept. of Labor & Industry to administer the EARN programs to provide employment and training to welfare recipients. Formerly Single Point of Contract			

PROJECT ELDER ABUSE
TITLE: PROSECUTION UNIT YEAR #1
DEPARTMENT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY
ENTITLEMENT
DATE: 7/1/06 - 6/30/07

FUNDING SOURCE

	Amount	% Dist
Fees	\$0	0.00%
State	\$0	0.00%
Federal	\$0	0.00%
County Match	\$12,400	100.00%
Other Funds	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL	\$12,400	100.00%

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

	Amount	% Dist
Personnel	\$12,400	100.00%
Services	\$0	0.00%
Operations	\$0	0.00%
Equipment	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL	\$12,400	100.00%

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

AMEND--The Office of the District Attorney requested the authority to apply for and, upon approval by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), accepted funds for the continuation of an Elder Abuse Prosecution unit (SEE EA 0923-06). This grant will provide funding for the continuation of one (1) attorney position and the creation of another attorney position. The previous EA provided for grant from PCCD for 25% of the funding for this grant with the Office of the District Attorney providing 75% in matching grant funds from a special revenue account. The previous amount for the Cash Match was 64,400 and should have been 76,800. We request the authority to provide an additional 12,400 in match money for the completion of this grant. The project period for this grant is 7/1/06 - 6/30/07. NO COST TO THE COUNTY.

Grants Budget Amendment (#10-06)
Submitted by County Manager

Amendments to increase funds in the Grants and Special Accounts Budget in the following areas:

Health	STD Services Grant	\$ 214,308
Courts	Pittsburgh Municipal Court	\$2,000,000
DHS-OCS	Human Services Develop. Fund	\$ 457,198
DHS-OCS	Employment, Advancement and Retention Grant	\$1,018,527
District Attorney	Ender Abuse Prosecution Year 1	\$ 12,400

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

TO: John Mascio
Chief Clerk

FROM: James M. Flynn, Jr.
County Manager

DATE: October 5, 2006

RE: Proposed Resolution

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

'06 OCT 5 am 9:30

Attached is a resolution amending the 2006 Grants and Special Accounts Budgets (Submission #10-06).

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

Please place this on the next agenda for County Council approval.

Thank you.