



Tompkins County Council of Governments

320 North Tioga Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

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Department: Tompkins County Council of Governments
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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 003 -2010

Resolution to Establish a TCCOG Funding Reserve

Moved by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Driscoll, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

Whereas, on occasion, the Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) needs a modest source of funding for projects that are of mutual benefit to the majority of municipalities within TCCOG, and

Whereas, a quick funding response to projects that arise unplanned is not currently possible because of the nature of TCCOG that requires each member to return to each of their municipal boards with funding requests, a process that can take months, and results in uneven and unpredictable funding amounts, and

Whereas, the continued sense of volunteerism and mutual interest that has been important to TCCOG is still encouraged and highly valued, and

Whereas, funding proposals should be oriented toward projects that serve the broadest interests of all TCCOG members rather than the unique interests of a minority of members, and

Whereas, projects are of a one-time nature rather than recurring, now therefore be it

Resolved, That each municipality contributes a \$250 fee annually on a voluntary basis. The need for additional funds will be reevaluated annually,

Resolved, further, That the County has and will continue to contribute a significant amount of in-kind services, particularly the support provided by the County (currently the Legislature Office), therefore no fee shall be requested from Tompkins County,

Resolved, further, That Proposals to appropriate funds must be received by TCCOG Board at least one week prior to the Board meeting,

Resolved, further, That the decision to spend TCCOG reserves on a submitted proposal will be made based by a 2/3 majority vote of those attending the TCCOG meeting where the proposal is being presented and discussed,

Resolved, further, That Tompkins County will administer the TCCOG Reserves.

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TCCOG Budget Proposal

➤ Goal

- Modest amount of money available to relatively-rapidly fund special projects/initiatives that may arise during the course of the year

➤ Sensitivities

- The larger the budget, the greater the tendency toward bureaucracy and rigidity, and the risk of loss of a sense of volunteerism and mutual interest that has been important to TCCOG
- Some municipalities have a greater capacity to contribute to costs than others
- The County contributes a significant amount of in-kind services, particularly the support provided by Michelle Pottorff

➤ Proposal

- Voluntary approach
- Suggested annual contribution is \$250 per member
- County's contribution is in-kind
- (If full participation, TCCOG will have an annual budget of \$4,000)
- Proposals to appropriate funds must be received by TCCOG Board at least one week prior to the Board meeting
- Funding proposals should be oriented toward projects that serve the broadest interests of all TCCOG members rather than the unique interests of minority members, and that are one-time rather than reoccurring in nature
- Appropriation of funds requires 2/3 vote of those present