

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL/SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section 3.02 of the Putnam County Charter vests the County Executive with the authority to prepare and execute the Putnam County Budget in accordance with the appropriations made by the Putnam County Legislature and appoint executive committees to assist in exercising in the administration of executive programs; and

WHEREAS, the County generally provides funding to non-profit entities as specifically allocated and appropriated through the adoption of the municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, funding provided through County Government belongs to all citizens of the County and must be provided with the best interest of the County taxpayers and communities in mind; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and his administration have determined that it is in the best interests of the County to adopt a new program for the allocation of funds to County 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations that provide services to residents of Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the new methodology will be a competitive based grant program that uses a focused, logical, fair, and inclusive process for awarding service contracts to County agency partners; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has expounded upon his concepts for changes in the operation and administration of grant programs for 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations in the "Community Assistance Initiative (CAI) Program Information and Guidance" a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive will create a CAI Review Committee to review the applications and make preliminary recommendations to the County Executive for final review and approval, consisting of a designated representative from: Department of Social Services; Department of Health; Planning Department; Purchasing Department; Finance Department; Auditing Department; the Chair of the Legislature or designee; and the Senior Minority Member of the Legislature or designee; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature agrees that this program is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports the County Executive's creation of the Community Assistance Initiative (CAI) Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2024, the CAI Program, as particularized in the "Community Assistance Initiative (CAI) Program Information and Guidance," shall be an established methodology for awarding and administering contracts with 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations via a competitive grant process for the purpose of providing services to meet the identified needs of the residents of Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature will include funding components in the 2024 County Budget for the CAI Program.