

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

GREEN MOUNTAIN FINANCIAL)
FUND, LLC,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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vs.) 1:09-cv-1216-SEB-TAB
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LORI RAPPAPORT LACROIX, et)
al.,)
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Defendants/Third Party)
Plaintiffs,)
)
vs.)
)
MARGUERITE DOWNS)
RAPPAPORT, et al.,)
)
Third Party Defendants.)

E N T R Y

The generally recognized rule is that a court may not authorize the commitment of federal funds to underwrite the necessary expenditures of an indigent civil litigant's action. *Tyler v. Lark*, 472 F.2d 1077 (8th Cir. 1973); *Sturdevant v. Deer*, 69 F.R.D. 17 (E.D.Wis. 1975); *Clark v. Hendrix*, 397 F.Supp. 966 (N.D.Ga. 1975); *Ebenhart v. Power*, 309 F.Supp. 660 (S.D.N.Y. 1969); *Diaz v. Chatterton*, 229 F.Supp. 19 (S.D.Cal. 1964). The expenditure of public funds on behalf of an indigent litigant is proper only when authorized by Congress. See *United States v. MacCollom*, 426 U.S. 317, 321 (1976); *Tedder v. Odel*, 890 F.2d 210, 211 (9th Cir. 1989).

Based on the foregoing, and based on her failure to show that there is any valid basis on which to conclude that public funds could be expended on her behalf, Lori Rappaport LaCroix's requests to proceed as indigent [261 and 286] are **denied**. Her request to proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis* filed on October 27, 2011, will be addressed in a separate ruling.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 11/07/2011

Sarah Evans Barker
SARAH EVANS BARKER, JUDGE
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana

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