

**Creating And Funding Position For The Climate Justice Fellowship
- Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget - Youth Bureau**

Referred to: The Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee (Chairman Hewitt and Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls), The Health, Human Services and Housing Committee (Chairman Uchitelle and Legislators Collins, Corcoran, Harmon, Kitchen, Lopez, and McCollough), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Collins, Hansut, Kovacs, Nolan, and Roberts)

Chairman of the Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee, Chris Hewitt, and Deputy Chair Richard Walls offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf of the Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment seeks legislative approval to create a Climate Justice Fellow Position, partially funded by the award of the Climate Justice Fellow under Program Opportunity Notice (P.O.N.) No. 4772 to New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA); and

WHEREAS, the Climate Justice Fellow will be responsible for aiding in the implementation of the Climate Corps, assisting in the development and implementation of the Climate Justice Plan, and assisting in county-wide initiatives aligned with Executive Order 1; and

WHEREAS, NYSERDA's Climate Justice Fellowship P.O.N No. 4772 will fund \$37,000.00 of the fellow's salary (68.9%) as well as \$3,000.00 towards professional development training/mentoring and/or wrap-around services with a total maximum award of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the county share of this position will be \$42,984.00 (\$16,700.00 Salary, \$26,284.00 Benefits) from June 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that this position be funded at this time for the period of June 1, 2024 through the December 31, 2024, by amending the 2024 Ulster County Budget; and

WHEREAS, the creation of this position will benefit projects that align with achieving Ulster County's Climate Agenda; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of a Climate Justice Fellow position; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that the 2024 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

CREATE

<u>POSITION #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7310-XXXX (PL#) *Annual Salary Annual Benefits \$26,284.00	Climate Justice Fellow (Non-Union; 70-hours)	\$53,700.00*

INCREASE

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA. 7310.3102-1300.1300 (App. #)	Regular Pay \$ 31,154.00
AA. 7310.3102-8000.8000 (App.#)	Retirement \$ 4,820.00
AA. 7310.3102-8010.8010 (App.#)	Social Security \$ 2,384.00
AA. 7310.3102-8020.8020 (App.#)	Health Insurance - Dental \$ 374.00
AA. 7310.3102-8020.8035 (App.#)	Health Insurance \$ 7,618.00
AA. 7310.3102-8020.8055 (App.#)	Health Insurance - Optical \$ 53.00
AA. 7310.3102-4300.4345 (App.#)	Professional Services Training \$ 3,000.00
AA. 7310.3102-3300.3089 (Rev.#)	State Aid – Other \$ 24,583.00
AA.-9900.9900-3700.9990 (Rev.#),	Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 24,820.00

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and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Litts)

Passed Committee: Energy, Environment and Sustainability on April 2, 2024

Passed Committee: Health, Human Services and Housing on April 4, 2024

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on April 11, 2024

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$49,403.00 - ADDITIONAL 2024 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS
\$24,820.00 - INCREASE IN APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE
\$24,583.00 - FEDERAL REVENUE DOLLARS

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 16th Day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 19th Day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
19th Day of April 2024.

Approved by the County Executive this
26th Day of April 2024.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

[s] Jen Metzger
Jen Metzger, County Executive