Establishing A Policy For Funding Non-County Organizations – Ulster County Legislature

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairwoman Archer and Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislators Laura Petit and Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature desires to establish a policy for the purpose of setting parameters and establishing guidelines for the funding of non-county agencies by the Ulster County Legislature and to ensure transparency, accountability, consistency, and adherence to best practices; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County recognizes that nonprofit and non-county organizations serve an important role in improving the quality of life for our community by delivering services to our citizens in a cost-effective manner through the use of partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County is committed to providing financial assistance to those nonprofit agencies which assist Ulster County Government in carrying out its mission, and demonstrably contribute to meeting the County's strategic objectives and key priorities; and

WHEREAS, non-county organizations may deliver vital services that the County may not provide in-house or that can be delivered more effectively, efficiently, or utilized to enhance a County function or service; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that any non-county organization program(s)/service(s) funded directly by the Ulster County Legislature must be made available to all Ulster County residents who meet the eligibility requirements of the program/service; and, be it further

RESOLVED, program(s)/service(s) offered by any non-county organization must comply with all state and federal statutes related to protection from discriminatory actions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, any non-county organization with funding appropriated by the Ulster County Legislature shall adhere to accountability standards and procedures set by the Ulster County Legislature and as required by law, including compliance with applicable financial, performance measurement, and any additional reporting requirements, deadlines, and deliverables stated in the County contract; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Policy for Appropriating Funding to Non-County Organizations – Ulster County Legislature is hereby adopted as attached and titled "Exhibit A",

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on May 12, 2020 with consent

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on May 19, 2020 with consent

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on June 9, 2020 with consent

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on June 16, 2020 with consent

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on July 14, 2020 for one week with consent

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on July 21, 2020 with consent

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means on August 11, 2020 for one week with consent

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on August 18, 2020

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE

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Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to adopt the policy as presented in the revised attached "Exhibit A."

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

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 18th Day of August in the year Two Thousand Twenty, 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 August in the year Two Thousand Twenty.

<u>|s| Victoria A. Fabella</u> Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk Ulster County Legislature