

Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 635 - ARPA Parks Program – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance

Referred to: The American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee (Chairman Criswell and Legislators Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry), The Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee (Chairwoman Petit and Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Nolan, and Stewart), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Eric Stewart offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature passed Resolution Number 635 on August 17, 2021 creating a capital project entitled “ARP Infrastructure and Trails,” with an anticipated allocation in the amount of \$6,000,000.00 with a goal of providing municipal project assistance; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the ARPA is to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease the spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control, with one of the key components of these measures being through promoting social distancing—especially outdoors; and

WHEREAS, state, county and municipal governments are charged with providing equal services, amenities, and access to public spaces through the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, parks and trails are proven to provide both health and economic benefits to local communities and also offer safe and affordable opportunities for outdoor recreation, dog walking, bicycling, and opportunities for citizens to spend time with family and friends in nature; and

WHEREAS, every municipality in Ulster County has projects on their agenda to build and sustain these valuable green spaces; and

WHEREAS, providing public funding to assist with such projects will help to strengthen our towns and build a sense of community, resulting in a positive lasting impact for future generations to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, in allocating ARPA funding, the Ulster County Legislature intends to make fair investments across the county via partnership with its municipalities to establish a program to match up to 50% of the total cost of each park project, with a maximum match of \$500,000.00 per project; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Capital Project No. 635 is hereby established as follows:

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	<u>CREATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 635	ARPA Parks Program	\$5,000,000.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, the 2022 Ulster County Capital Fund is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HH.7197.0635.4300.4505 (App. #)	Fees for Professional Services	\$5,000,000.00
HH.7197.0635.3400.4995 (Rev. #),	Federal Aid	\$5,000,000.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that funding of the Capital Projects established by this Resolution, and any contracts in excess of \$50,000 or contract amendments which cause such contracts to exceed the aggregate sum of \$50,000, made in connection with such Capital Projects, shall be subject to the further approval of the Ulster County Legislature,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

No Action Taken in Committee: American Rescue Plan Act on June 1, 2022

No Action Taken in Committee: Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation on June 13, 2022

No Action Taken in Committee: American Rescue Plan Act on June 15, 2022

Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects and Transportation on _____.

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Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

Passed Committee: American Rescue Plan Act on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$5,000,000.00 – COUNTY CAPITAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

\$5,000,000.00 – FEDERAL CAPITAL FUND REVENUES