

**Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 642 - ARPA Homeowner Energy Improvements And Job Training Project - Amending 2022 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience**

Referred to: The American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee (Chairman Criswell and Legislators Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry), The Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee (Chairman Cahill and Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney and Sperry), The Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee (Chairwoman Greene and Legislators Hansut, Erner, Maloney, and Stewart), 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)

Chairman of the ARPA Special Committee, Peter J. Criswell, and Deputy Chair Thomas Corcoran, Jr., and Legislators Greene and Hansut offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf Department of Finance, Division of Recovery and Resilience; and

WHEREAS, pursuant Resolution No. 333 of August 2021 the Ulster County Legislature created Capital Project No. 597, entitled “ARP Housing;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 62 of February 2022, the Ulster County Legislature approved a contract for the use of Community Development Block Grant Program funding for housing rehabilitation for low and moderate income homeowners in the amount of \$800,000.00 being implemented by RUPCO that provides basic rehabilitation activities such as a new roof, handicapped access; electrical and structural repairs needed for safety and code compliance; and

WHEREAS, energy costs are one of the largest cost components of low and moderate income homeowner’s budget especially in today’s environment and improving energy efficiency and moving away from the use of fossil fuels is a climate smart and economically compelling action consistent with the County’s Green New Deal; and

WHEREAS, Communities for Local Power has initiated a successful internship program working with the Office of Employment Training, local contractors and others to provide on the job training in the area of energy efficiency improvements; and

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WHEREAS, there exists an opportunity to assist low and moderate income homeowners beyond basic code compliance rehabilitation by providing funding for energy improvements in connection with the County's CDBG Program, while and the same time offering job training using local contractors to individuals in an expanding field; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provided funding to state and local governments known as the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) to broadly address the impacts of the Pandemic and ensure an equitable recovery; and

WHEREAS, regulations implemented by the United State Treasury Department in their published Final Rule (31 CFR Part 35, RIN 1505-AC77) includes 'households' as a named beneficiary of SLFRF funds (See pages 19 - 20 of the Final Rule); and low- or moderate-income households are considered impacted by the Pandemic and presumed eligible for responsive programs or services funded by the SLFRF (See Pages 29 and 30 of the Final Rule); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Ulster County to use ARPA SLFRF funds for providing assistance to income eligible homeowners while also offering job training activities to improve the energy efficiency of homes; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County in implementing this program will follow the same conditions and rules that is part of its CDBG Program for which it has made a finding of no significant impact under 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the Regulations of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York and no further environmental review is required; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2022-2027 Ulster County Capital Improvement Program is amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 642	Homeowner Energy Improvements	\$ 90,000.00

and, be it further,

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RESOLVED, that Capital Project No. 642 is hereby established as follows:

	<u>CREATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 642	Homeowner Energy Improvements	\$ 90,000.00

and, be it further,

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

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HH. 8097.0642-4300.4360 (App. #)	Environmental Svcs.	\$ 90,000.00
HH. 8097.0642.3400.4995 (Rev. #),	Federal Aid, ARPA	\$ 90,000.00

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23      NOES: 0

No Action Taken in Committee: American Rescue Plan Act on June 29, 2022

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts  
and Agriculture on July 5, 2022

Passed Committee: Energy, Environment and Sustainability as amended on July 7,  
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Passed Committee: Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation on July 11, 2022

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means for one week on July 12, 2022

Passed Committee: American Rescue Plan Act as amended on July 13, 2022

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on July 19, 2022

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**\$90,000.00 – COUNTY CAPITAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

**\$90,000.00 – FEDERAL CAPITAL FUND REVENUES**

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 19<sup>th</sup> Day of July in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of June in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this  
22<sup>nd</sup> Day of July 2022.

Approved by the County Executive this  
27<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2022.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Patrick K. Ryan  
Patrick K. Ryan, County Executive