

Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Enter An Agreement To Accept A Grant From The Center For Tech And Civic Life For Safe And Secure Election Administration And Amending The 2020 Adopted Budget – Ulster County Board Of Elections

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairwoman Bartels and Legislators Gavaris, Heppner, Roberts, and Ronk), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairwoman Archer and Legislators Bartels, Gavaris, Haynes, Maio, Ronk, and Walter)

Chairwoman of the Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee, Tracey A. Bartels, and Deputy Chair Kevin Roberts offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the Ulster County Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the Center For Tech And Civic Life concluded an assessment of the Ulster County Board of Elections and identified areas of potential improvements when providing voters with the safe administration of election responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Board of Elections will be required to protect the integrity of the election process, causing the Board of Election to incur additional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Center For Tech And Civic Life is providing a new stream of funding through its COVID-19 Response Grant in the amount of \$112,872 to address such needs; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Board of Elections was notified on September 9th of the existence of this grant opportunity and has subsequently participated in several meetings with partners in the State and County in order to access these funds; and

WHEREAS, the term for the COVID-19 Response Grant program is for services purchased between September 22, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, if the County's application is approved, the funds will be used to reimburse the County for COVID-19 Response Grant expenditures incurred by the Ulster County Board of Elections to implement, ensure, and expand on a safe and efficient voting experience; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Election Commissioners request that the Ulster County Executive be authorized to execute the COVID-19 Response Grant agreement and required assurances, and any amendments thereto; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and required assurances, and any amendments thereto, with the Center for Tech And Civic Life to obtain COVID-19 Response Grant program funds, for the term beginning September 22, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2020 Ulster County Budget be amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA-1450-1176-4000-4045 (App.#)	Safety Supplies	\$ 112,872.00
AA-1450-1176-3200-2210 (Rev. #)	General Services – Other	\$ 112,872.00

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$112,872.00 –ADDITIONAL 2020 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$112,872.00 –ADDITIONAL 2020 REVENUE DOLLARS