

Authorizing The Planning Department To Submit An Application To For A Building Cleaner Communities Grant To The New York State Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) Via The New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) For The Government Operations Center At Paradies Lane New Paltz – Department Of Planning

Referred to: The Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee (Chairman Hewitt and Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan, Stewart, and Walls), The Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee (Chairwoman Sperry and Legislators Clinton, Corcoran, Hewitt, Litts, Stewart and Walls), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Collins, Hansut, Kovacs, Nolan, and Roberts)

Chairwoman of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee, Megan Sperry, and Legislator Nolan offer the following:

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

WHEREAS, the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) and the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) were created to advance efforts to improve New York's business climate and expand economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has demonstrated its environmental commitment and leadership by achieving Certified Silver status in the New York State Climate Smart Communities Program (CSC) Program and being designated a NYSERDA Clean Energy Community (CEC); and

WHEREAS, the fourteenth round of the CFA is now open, with an application deadline of July 31st at 4:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Building Cleaner Communities Competition has incentives available to support regionally significant, carbon neutral and resilient projects in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that an appropriate grant application includes the use of funding to provide geothermal installation at the County's Government Operation Center (GOC) located at Paradies Lane in the Town of New Paltz; and

WHEREAS, the state share will be a maximum of 60% of the total project costs or Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars, whichever is less, and

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WHEREAS, The County desires to submit application to utilize funding from this program to support its municipal operations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Ulster County Planning Department, is hereby authorized to submit online applications through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for Funding up to grant’s maximum award amount for the installation of geothermal wells and other eligible equipment for the GOC located at Paradies Lane in the Town of New Paltz; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of all grant applications shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature upon submittal,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)

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

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture on July 2, 2024

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on July 11, 2024

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

STATE SHARE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF 60% OF UP TO \$2,000,000.00
40% COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED

