

Establishing A Policy To Require Legislative Approval Of All Grant Applications With County Matching Funds Prior To Their Submission

Referred to: The Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee (Chairman Kovacs and Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Levine, and Uchitelle), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Collins, Hansut, Kovacs, Nolan, and Roberts)

Legislator Herb Litts offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature, pursuant to Ulster County Charter §C-11, is the legislative, appropriating and policy-determining body of the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ulster County Administrative Code §A3-4(Q) the County Executive shall be responsible for the preparation of Grants proposals and applications; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County Administrative Code §A3-4(Q) does not give the County Executive unfettered authority to submit Grants proposals and applications, but only the responsibility for their preparation; and

WHEREAS, when such Grants require the appropriation of matching funds by the County, best practices require that Legislative approval be obtained before the application is submitted to the government office or entity awarding the Grant funds to ensure consistency with the enacted County Budget and conformity with the Legislature's role as the sole appropriating body of the County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy of Ulster County that Legislative approval shall be obtained prior to the submission of any Grant proposal or application involving required matching County funds; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a summary of any such Grant proposal or application, including a budget, as well as relevant back up or related materials be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature along with the resolution seeking Legislative approval of the Grant proposal or application; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this policy shall not apply to any Grant proposal or application seeking only reimbursement for County monies already budgeted or expended, nor to any Grant proposal or application that does not require any matching County funds; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that a waiver of this policy may be granted by the Chair of the Legislature or by the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee; provided that such a waiver must be preceded by submission of a written request to the Chair of the Legislature or the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, filed via the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature, including a detailed explanation as to why approval of the full Legislature cannot be obtained along with a summary of the Grant proposal or application, including a budget, as well as relevant back up or related materials,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Clinton, Lopez, and Stewart)

Passed Committee: Laws, Rules and Government Services as amended on August 15, 2024

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on August 15, 2024

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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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 20th Day of August in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four, 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 22nd Day of August in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
22nd Day of August 2024.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this
30th Day of August 2024.

[s] Jen Metzger
Jen Metzger, County Executive