

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) To Accept Grant Funds For The Ulster County Community Climate Action Plan Project And Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget – Department Of The Environment

Referred to: The Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee (Chairwoman Greene and Legislators Hansut, Erner, Maloney, and Stewart), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, and Walter)

Chairwoman of the Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee, Manna Jo Greene, and Deputy Chair Gina Hansut offer the following:

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) released a request for proposals to solicit projects for Climate Smart Communities grant funding through the 2021 Regional Economic Development Council Awards; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Department of the Environment responded to the request for proposals with a project to embark on a community-scale climate action planning project; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County was awarded \$74,000.00 in grant funding from NYSDEC, with the match by Ulster County being comprised of staff time of County personnel associated with the grant scope of work; and

WHEREAS, this project will develop a strategy, goals, and a plan outlining a set of initiatives that will reduce community greenhouse gas GHG emissions and simultaneously support local Ulster County municipalities in undertaking similar efforts; and

WHEREAS, this project supports Ulster County Green New Deal goals and is alignment with the NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act); and

WHEREAS, Ulster County, with subsequent legislative approval as appropriate, will enter into sub-recipient contracts to fulfill the grant agreement; and now, therefore be it

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RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the agreement, and any amendments thereto, with NYSDEC for the purpose of accepting a grant in the amount of \$74,000.00 from the Climate Smart Communities Program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, following execution of the State Assistance Contract, the Director of the Department of the Environment is hereby authorized to submit all necessary grant related documentation and otherwise act for the County regarding this grant funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2022 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA.8090.4300.4505 (App #)	Professional Services	\$74,000.00
AA.8090.3300.3910 (Rev #),	State Aid Conservation Programs	\$74,000.00

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Heppner)

Passed Committee: Energy, Environment and Sustainability on September 8, 2022

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on September 13, 2022

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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\$74,000.00 – ADDITIONAL 2022 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
\$74,000.00 – ADDITIONAL 2022 STATE REVENUE DOLLARS

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 September 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 22nd Day of September in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this
22nd Day of September 2022.

Approved by the Acting County Executive this
23rd Day of September 2022.

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

[s] Johanna Contreras
Johanna Contreras, Acting County Executive