

**Amending The 2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program –
Establishing Capital Project No. 659 - ARP Solar Infrastructure –
Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance**

Referred to: The Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee (Chairwoman Greene and Legislators Hansut, Levine, Maloney, and Stewart), The Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation Committee (Chairwoman Petit and Legislators Fabiano, Erner, Litts, and Nolan), The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Roberts, Ronk, and Walter), and The American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee (Chairman Criswell and Legislators Corcoran, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry)

Legislator Thomas Corcoran, Jr., and Legislators Criswell and Hansut offer the following:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has notified Ulster County that funding for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is available in the amount of \$34,491,474.00; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA intends to replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs; and

WHEREAS, in allocating the ARPA funding, the Ulster County Legislature intends to make fair investments that result in positive, long-term benefits for as many Ulster County communities as possible; and

WHEREAS, the water and sewer infrastructure program adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on April 19, 2022 has proven to be a successful model, benefiting all parties involved; and

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

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature wishes to continue its stewardship by establishing this unique environmental initiative to aid in advancement of various solar projects throughout Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its goals, Ulster County wishes to partner with its municipalities to establish a program to match up to 50% of the total cost of each solar infrastructure project, with a maximum match of \$125,000.00 per project; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Charter Section C-11, the funding for the capital projects proposed herein shall require subsequent Legislative approval; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Capital Project No. 659 is hereby established as follows:

	<u>CREATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Project No. 659	ARP Solar Infrastructure	\$3,000,000.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, the 2023 Ulster County Capital Fund is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HH.8097.0659.4300.4505 (App. #)	Fees for Professional Services	\$3,000,000.00
HH.8097.0659.3400.4095 (Rev. #)	Federal Aid	\$3,000,000.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that funding of the Capital Projects established by this Resolution, and any contracts in excess of \$50,000 or contract amendments which cause such contracts to exceed the aggregate sum of \$50,000, made in connection with such Capital Projects, shall be subject to the further approval of the Ulster County Legislature,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

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Passed Committee: Energy, Environment and Sustainability on March 2, 2023

Postponed in Committee: Ways and Means for one week on March 7, 2023

Postponed in Committee: American Rescue Plan Act on March 8, 2023

Postponed in Committee: Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation on March 8, 2023

Passed Committee: American Rescue Plan Act on _____.

Passed Committee: Public Works, Capital Projects and Transportation on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$3,000,000.00 – COUNTY CAPITAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

\$3,000,000.00 – FEDERAL CAPITAL FUND REVENUES