

Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Appropriate ARPA Funding To The Village Of Ellenville To Sustain Governmental Services Threatened By The COVID-19 Pandemic

Referred to: The American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee (Chairman Corcoran and Legislators Clinton, Levine, Lopez, and Sperry), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Collins, Hansut, Kovacs, Nolan, and Roberts)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, John Gavaris, offers the following:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury 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 purpose of the ARPA is to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease the spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control; and

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

WHEREAS, the ARPA also seeks to support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA seeks to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, state, county and municipal governments are charged with providing governmental services, including general governmental administration and public safety services, including police and fire departments (See *U.S. Department of Treasury of the Treasury, Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Overview of the Final Rule*, Pg. 11 et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, basic governmental administration, maintenance of administrative facilities, staff and public safety services benefit the County and local communities across the County; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ellenville has incurred negative economic impacts which were exacerbated by the pandemic and require additional and immediate assistance for the continuance of government services, including public safety; and

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WHEREAS, the Village of Ellenville has committed to taking steps to reduce its fiscal stress and to work with the Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County and New York State to accomplish this; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 167 of 2022 established Capital Project No. 630 – Jail Demolition Golden Hill ARPA in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, and that project is now complete with a remaining budgetary appropriation of \$37,753.00; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 332 of 2021 created three positions for the administration of ARPA programs, and Position No. 13101510, Assistant to the Director of Recovery and Resilience, is currently vacant and two months of attrition savings in the amount of \$10,782.00 is anticipated to be achieved; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has approximately \$129,581.00 of ARPA funds remaining unassigned to a specific project or purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature hereby finds it necessary and appropriate to allocate \$178,116.00 in ARPA funds to the Village of Ellenville (the “Village”), so that the Village may continue to provide necessary governmental services as it continues to recover from negative economic impacts exacerbated by the pandemic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2024-2029 Ulster County Capital Improvement Program is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
HH.8097.0630-2300.2550 (App.#)	Construction	\$37,753.00
HH.8097.0630-3400.4995 (Rev.#)	Federal Aid, ARPA	\$37,753.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

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	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA.1310.1079-1300.1300 (App.#)	Regular Pay	\$10,016.00
AA.1310.1079-8010.8010 (App.#)	Social Security / FICA	\$ 766.00
AA.1310.1079-3400.4095 (Rev.#)	Federal Aid, ARPA	\$ 10,782.00
	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA.1310.1089-4600.466 (App.#)	Misc. Contractual – Other	\$178,116.00
AA.1310.1089-3400.4095 (Rev.#),	Federal Aid, ARPA	\$178,116.00

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute any required Intermunicipal Agreements, and any amendments, to deliver the funds to the Village of Ellenville; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is authorized and directed to make any payments to the Village of Ellenville pursuant to said Agreements or this legislation,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 4
(Noes: Legislators Kitchen, Kovacs, Lopez, and
Roberts)
(Absent: Legislator Corcoran)

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Passed Committee: American Rescue Plan Act on February 1, 2024

Passed Committee: Ways and Means as amended on February 8, 2024

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$178,116.00 – ADDITIONAL 2024 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$178,116.00 – ADDITIONAL 2024 REVENUE DOLLARS (FEDERAL AID – ARPA)

Legislator Lopez motioned, seconded by Legislator Kitchen, to refer the Resolution back to the American Rescue Plan Act Special Committee.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 5 NOES: 17

(Ayes: Legislators Kitchen, Kovacs, Litts, Lopez, and Roberts)

(Absent: Legislator Corcoran)

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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 13th Day of February 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 14th Day of February in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this
14th Day of February 2024.

Approved by the County Executive this
14th Day of February 2024.

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

[s] Jen Metzger
Jen Metzger, County Executive