

Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County For 2026 Appropriations – Ulster County Legislature

Referred to: 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, Roberts, and Uchitelle)

Chairwoman of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee, Megan Sperry, and Deputy Chair Herbert Litts, III offer the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 224, Subdivision 8 of the County Law, the Ulster County Legislature appropriated to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County the sum of \$479,046.00 in the 2025 Ulster County Budget to be expended in accordance with budgets submitted to the Ulster County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County has requested an increase bringing the total appropriation request for 2026 to \$493,417.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law Section 224 (8), in order to receive such funds, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County must submit to the Ulster County Legislature a verified accounting of disbursements to be undertaken, and to the Legislative Financial Analyst and the Ulster County Commissioner of Finance, a Memorandum of Receipt signed by the principal officer; and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County will receive payments totaling the not to exceed amount of \$493,417.00, in accordance with the terms specified in an agreement with the County of Ulster and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, and no later than December 31, 2026, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County shall submit a certified accounting of expenditures to the Legislative Financial Analyst and Commissioner of Finance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to sign a memorandum of agreement (subject to the approval of the County Attorney as may be duly approved by Cornell University as agent for the State of New York, outlining the above conditions and methods of payment and directing the above organization to spend the funds only for the purpose set forth herein; requiring an annual report at the end of the year containing therein a true and accurate account of all receipts and expenditures of said association), as well as an agreement for professional services in the amount of \$493,417.00 with the County of Ulster and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, Counsel to the Ulster County Legislature, Chair of the Legislature, and the

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Chair and Deputy Chair of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller and/or any and all officers of the County of Ulster, their agents and representatives, shall be allowed full access upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times to the books, papers, records and premises of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County during the period that this Resolution is in effect for the purpose of ascertaining the manner in which the above sum of money is being used or applied; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the above organization agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State and local regulations including, in particular, any forbidding discrimination by such organization,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Donaldson, Kitchen, Litts, Maloney, and Roberts)

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture on December 9, 2025

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on December 11, 2025

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$299,920.52 – 2026 BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS/ PROGRAM

\$ 79,385.48 – 2026 BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS / HOUSING

**\$114,111.00 – 2026 BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS / SHARE OF EASTERN
NY REGIONAL COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE TEAM**

\$493,417.00 – TOTAL 2026 BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULMSTER

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 16th Day of December in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Five, 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 19th Day of December in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this
19th Day of December 2025.

Approved by the County Executive this
26th Day of December 2025.

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

[s] Jen Metzger
Jen Metzger, County Executive