

RESOLUTION NO. 667

AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES REGARDING THE MODERNIZATION OF THE PRE-EMPLOYMENT ORIENTATION PROCESS AND AMENDING THE 2023 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 12/18/23

By ARPA Executive Committee:

WHEREAS, The County of Albany received \$29.6 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which may be used for various projects and programs within the County to help mitigate the long-term effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature created the ARPA Executive Committee and its various Subcommittees to determine how these funds should be distributed and to review applications for these monies, and

WHEREAS, The ARPA Executive Committee and its various Subcommittees have worked tirelessly over the last year in order to establish guidelines that will assist them in reviewing and evaluating the numerous applications they will receive, and

WHEREAS, The ARPA Executive Committee, having evaluated numerous proposals, has requested authorization to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$33,500 to and enter into an agreement with the Albany County Department of Human Resources for a term commencing December 4, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Human Resources, overseeing onboarding for over thirty departments, faced pandemic-induced challenges, highlighting the imperative to modernize the traditional paper-based pre-employment orientation (PEO) process, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Human Resources seeks funding to purchase thirty Apple iPads, facilitating a paperless PEO process that aligns with green initiatives and enhances efficiency, security, and cost-effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, Implementing iPads for digital onboarding promises a streamlined process, secure data storage, and cost savings, contributing to Albany

County's goal of advancing administrative efficiency and effectiveness, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$33,500 to and enter into an agreement with the Albany County Department of Human Resources, Albany, NY 12207 regarding the digitization of paper files for a term commencing December 4, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2023 Albany County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account CM.4.1510C.04089Z.ARP23 by \$33,500

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.1510C.22050Z.ARP23 by \$33,500 by increasing Line Item 22050Z.ARP23 by \$33,500

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 12/18/23

State of New York
County of Albany

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Albany County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution and/or local law with the original resolution and/or local law now on file in the office, and which was passed by the Legislature of said County on the 18th day of December, 2023, a majority of all members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and/or local law and the whole thereof.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature this 19th day of December, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nicole Chamberlain", is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk, Albany County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 668

AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES REGARDING THE CAREER CONNECTOR PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2023 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 12/18/23

By ARPA Executive Committee:

WHEREAS, The County of Albany received \$29.6 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which may be used for various projects and programs within the County to help mitigate the long-term effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature created the ARPA Executive Committee and its various Subcommittees to determine how these funds should be distributed and to review applications for these monies, and

WHEREAS, The ARPA Executive Committee and its various Subcommittees have worked tirelessly over the last year in order to establish guidelines that will assist them in reviewing and evaluating the numerous applications they will receive, and

WHEREAS, The ARPA Executive Committee, having evaluated numerous proposals, has requested authorization to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$20,000 to and enter into an agreement with the Albany County Department of Human Resources for a term commencing December 4, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Human Resources is dedicated to addressing the ongoing workforce shortage crisis by developing a "Career Connector" program, aimed at engaging prospective employees and facilitating recruitment efforts across its more than thirty departments and divisions, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Human Resources seeks funding to acquire four interactive kiosks, strategically placed at the County building (112 State Street), the Health Department (175 Green Street), and utilized during job fairs and community events, providing job seekers with a user-friendly platform to search for open positions within Albany County, fostering a modern approach to recruitment and facilitating on-the-spot applications, and

WHEREAS, The implementation of the "Career Connector" program, will significantly benefit the County by addressing the critical workforce shortage, creating accessible and efficient channels for job seekers, and enhancing the County's ability to attract and retain skilled employees, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$20,000 to and enter into an agreement with the Albany County Department of Human Resources, Albany, NY 12207 regarding the "Career Connector" program for a term commencing December 4, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2023 Albany County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account CM.4.1509C.04089Z.ARP23 by \$20,000

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.1509C.22050Z.ARP23 by \$8,000 by increasing Line Item 22050Z.ARP23 by \$8,000

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.1509C.44046Z.ARP23 by \$12,000 by increasing Line Item 44046Z.ARP23 by \$12,000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 12/18/23

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature this 19th day of December, 2023.



Clerk, Albany County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 670

AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO THE ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT AND CONTROL REGARDING FEASIBILITY STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE SERVICES AND AMENDING THE 2023 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 12/18/23

By ARPA Executive Committee:

WHEREAS, The County of Albany received \$29.6 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which may be used for various projects and programs within the County to help mitigate the long-term effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature created the ARPA Executive Committee and its various Subcommittees to determine how these funds should be distributed and to review applications for these monies, and

WHEREAS, The ARPA Executive Committee and its Subcommittees have worked tirelessly over the last year to establish guidelines that will assist them in reviewing and evaluating the numerous applications they will receive, and

WHEREAS, The ARPA Executive Committee, after receiving a recommendation from its Subcommittee and voting to recommend the project to the Legislature, has now requested authorization to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$100,000 to the Albany County Department of Audit and Control for a term commencing December 4, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, The ARPA Executive Committee has indicated that such funding would allow for an initial feasibility study and, if warranted, implementation of an Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment system for Albany County as an alternative to traditional paper checks, and

WHEREAS, An ACH system allows for alternative payment methods than a traditional paper check, and if feasible, implementation may; reduce costs for check stock and ink, improve relationships with vendors as more efficient and timely payments are issued to them, reduce the risk of fraud and associated costs to detect and prevent fraud, and improve efficiency of reconciliation processes, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$100,000 to the Albany County

Department of Audit and Control regarding a feasibility study and, if warranted, implementation of an Automated Clearing House system for Albany County regarding payments in an alternate form to traditional paper checks, for a term commencing December 4, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2023 Albany County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account CM.4.1514C.04089Z.ARP23 by \$100,000

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.1415C.44046Z.ARP23 by \$100,000 by increasing Line Item 44046Z.ARP23 by \$100,000

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 12/18/23

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