



# County of Albany

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## Legislation Text

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### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

**Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):**

Request to Amend 2022 County Budget for Numerous Departments to Pay Out New York State Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus Program for Vesting Period 1

Date: 9/12/2022  
Submitted By: Dave Reilly  
Department: Management & Budget  
Title: Commissioner  
Phone: 518-447-5525  
Department Rep.  
Attending Meeting: Dave Reilly / Patrick Alderson

**Purpose of Request:**

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):**

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel

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- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: 4059.19916; 6119.19916; 4310.19916; 4010.19916; 1620.19916;  
NH6020.19916; 4059.03455; 6119.03455; 4310.03455; 4010.03455; 1620.03455; NH6020.03455  
Source of Funds: New York State (Part ZZ of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022)  
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

#### **Type of Contract:**

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

#### **Contract Terms/Conditions:**

Party (Name/address):  
Click or tap here to enter text.

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):  
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Scope of Services: Click or tap here to enter text.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes  No   
If Mandated Cite Authority: New York State Part ZZ of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No   
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes  No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: 4059.03455; 6119.03455; 4310.03455; 4010.03455; 1620.03455;  
NH6020.03455

Revenue Amount: Varies by account, see Budget Amendment. Total is \$347,500

Appropriation Account and Line: 4059.19916; 6119.19916; 4310.19916; 4010.19916; 1620.19916;  
NH6020.19916

Appropriation Amount: Varies by account, see Budget Amendment. Total is \$347,500

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: 100%

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) Click or tap here to enter text.

Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

Impact on Pending Litigation

Yes  No

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

As part of the State FY2023 budget, NYS created a Health Care and Mental Hygiene Worker Bonus (HWB) Program, allocating \$1.2 billion in funding for the payment of bonuses for certain frontline healthcare workers. The NYS HWB Program allows for bonus payments to "recruit, retain, and reward health care and mental hygiene workers" who meet specific eligibility requirements as set forth in Part ZZ of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022. Bonus amounts are commensurate with the number of hours worked by eligible workers covered by the HWB Program during designated vesting periods, up to a total of \$3,000 per covered worker.

Some County Departments are "eligible employers" due to the nature of their work. County Departments determined whether their operations met the qualifying employer criteria and identified eligible employees based on titles prescribed by NYS. Departments then submitted claims on behalf of eligible employees to NYS by 9/2/22 (the due date for the first vesting period). For the first vesting period, County Departments claimed a total of 236 employees for a total of \$347,500 in bonus payments.

Currently NYS is reviewing the claims submitted on behalf of County employees and will remit payment to the eligible County Departments. Once the County has received payment from NYS, we must pay bonuses to employees no later than 30 days afterwards.

This budget amendment adds the necessary personnel non-individual appropriation and revenue lines to each respective department's 2022 budget in anticipation of prompt payment of the NYS HWB bonus for vesting period 1

(October 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022) to eligible employees once NYS pays Albany County.