

RESOLUTION NO. 467

AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO AND AN AGREEMENT WITH BRING ON THE SPECTRUM, INC. AND AMENDING THE 2023 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 10/10/23

By ARPA Executive Committee, Beston, Clay, Cleary, Commisso, Feeney, A. Joyce, Lekakis, McLaughlin, Miller, Plotsky, Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard, Rosano, Simpson and Willingham:

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 \$50,000 to and enter into an agreement with Bring on the Spectrum, Inc. for a term commencing September 11, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Bring on the Spectrum Community Space and Sensory Gym is the only one of its kind within a three-hour radius of Albany County and it hosts social, recreational, and lifestyle activities for neurodiverse individuals of all ages and all abilities, and

WHEREAS, The ARPA Executive Committee has indicated that such funding would be used to create the Bring on the Spectrum Family Getaway to Albany County project to bring neurodiverse families within a 200-mile radius to Albany County by giving them the ability to travel and visit attractions that are not only of interest but also mindful of safety, acceptance and understanding needs for the neurodiverse population, while partnering with area arts and cultural organizations to make their visit to Albany County memorable, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$50,000 to and enter into an agreement with Bring on the Spectrum, Inc., Albany, NY 12205 regarding the creation of the BOTSA-Family Getaway to Albany County project for a term commencing September 11, 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.4.2416B.04089Z.ARP23 by \$50,000

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.2416B.44046Z.ARP23 by \$50,000 by increasing Line Item 44046Z.ARP23 by \$50,000

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.