

RESOLUTION NO. 94

AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO AND AN AGREEMENT WITH CEK RN CONSULTING, INC. REGARDING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TRAINING PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2024 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 2/12/24

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 \$150,000 to and enter into an agreement with CEK RN Consulting, Inc. for a term commencing February 12, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, The proposed CEK RN Consulting Community Health Worker Training Program – Albany County, a collaboration between CEK RN Consulting, Inc. and St. Catherine's Center for Children (St. Catherine's), aims to train St. Catherine's existing program staff as Community Health Workers, and

WHEREAS, CEK RN Consulting, Inc., seeks funding to provide workforce development opportunities to St. Catherine's staff through Community Health Worker training, with the goal of providing long-term impact on job advancement and earning potential, and

WHEREAS, The CEK RN Consulting Community Health Worker Training Program aligns with St. Catherine's mission to comprehensively support the community, especially underemployed individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic who fall below 350% of the Federal Poverty Level, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$150,000 to and enter into an agreement with the CEK RN Consulting, Inc., Albany, NY 12207 regarding the CEK RN Consulting Community Health Worker Training Program – Albany County for a term commencing February 12, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2024 Albany County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account CM.4.2205S.04089Z.ARP24 by \$150,000

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.2205S.44046Z.ARP24 by \$150,000 by increasing Line Item 44046Z.ARP24 by \$150,000

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.