

RESOLUTION NO. 457

AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO AND AN AGREEMENT WITH UNDERGROUND RAILROAD EDUCATION CENTER 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 \$80,000 to and enter into an agreement with the Underground Railroad Education Center (UREC) for a term commencing September 11, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, UREC seeks funding to support the construction of the Interpretive Center, a critical component of its expansion plans, which will enable the organization to provide larger and more diverse programs, exhibits, and events related to the history of the Underground Railroad, and to attract upwards of 10,000 visitors annually, thereby enhancing UREC's ability to serve the community and promote tourism in Albany County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$80,000 to and enter into an agreement with the Underground Railroad Education Center, Albany, New York 12210 regarding Arts, Culture, and Tourism Promotion activities 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.4.2403B.04089Z.ARP23 by \$80,000

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.2403B.44046Z.ARP23 by \$80,000 by increasing Line Item 44046Z.ARP23 by \$80,000

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.