

RESOLUTION NO. 241

AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BABY INSTITUTE AND AMENDING THE 2024 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 4/8/24

By ARPA Executive Committee and A. Joyce:

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 \$25,000 to and enter into an agreement with the Baby Institute for a term commencing April 8, 2024, and ending December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, The Baby Institute was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in disruptions to its traditional workshop-based framework and necessitating a shift towards individualized case management, and

WHEREAS, The Baby Institute seeks funding to address pandemic-related economic challenges by allocating funds towards staff hours to expand program reach and intensify development and fundraising efforts for sustained operations, and

WHEREAS, This funding will benefit Albany County by fostering improved educational achievement and future financial stability among its most vulnerable population, as well as promoting skill development, confidence, and mutual support within underserved communities, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$25,000 to and enter into an agreement with the Baby Institute, Albany, New York 12203 regarding Community

Development Nonprofit Recovery activities for a term commencing April 8, 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.4.3620B.04089Z.ARP24 by \$25,000

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.3620B.44046Z.ARP24 by \$25,000 by increasing Line Item 44046Z.ARP24 by \$25,000

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.

Referred to ARPA Executive Committee – 4/8/24