

RESOLUTION NO. 672

AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO THE ALBANY COUNTY DIVISION OF INFORMATION SERVICES REGARDING A BROADBAND PROJECT COORDINATOR POSITION AND AMENDING THE 2023 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 12/18/23

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 Subcommittees have worked tirelessly over the last year to establish guidelines that will assist them in reviewing and evaluating the numerous applications they will receive, and

WHEREAS, The ARPA Executive Committee, after voting to recommend the proposal to the Legislature, has now requested authorization to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$404,382 to the Albany County Division of Information Services for a term commencing December 4, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, The ARPA Executive Committee has indicated that such funding would allow for the creation of a grant-funded Broadband Projects Coordinator position to work with broadband providers, as well as local partners, to identify opportunities to support project that bring broadband services to unserved and underserved areas; coordinate broadband efforts with local municipalities, and to implement policies that will help close the digital equity divide, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$404,382 to the Albany County Albany County Division of Information Services regarding the creation of a grant-funded Broadband Projects Coordinator position for Albany County regarding expanding broadband services throughout the County, for a term commencing December 4, 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.4.1201.04089Z.ARP23 Federal Stimulus by \$404,382

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.1201.11383Z.ARP23 by \$260,134 by increasing Line Item 11383Z.ARP23 Broadband Coordinator by \$260,134 with a maximum annual salary of \$85,000

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.1201.89010Z.ARP23 by \$38,761 by increasing Line Item 89010Z.ARP23 State Retirement by \$38,761

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.1201.89030Z.ARP23 by \$19,902 by increasing Line Item 89030Z.ARP23 Social Security/FICA by \$19,902

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.1201.89060Z.ARP23 by \$85,585 by increasing Line Item 89060Z.ARP23 Hospital and Medical by \$85,585

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.