

## **RESOLUTION NO. 668**

### **AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING TO AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES REGARDING THE CAREER CONNECTOR PROGRAM 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 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 \$20,000 to and enter into an agreement with the Albany County Department of Human Resources for a term commencing December 4, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Human Resources is dedicated to addressing the ongoing workforce shortage crisis by developing a "Career Connector" program, aimed at engaging prospective employees and facilitating recruitment efforts across its more than thirty departments and divisions, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department of Human Resources seeks funding to acquire four interactive kiosks, strategically placed at the County building (112 State Street), the Health Department (175 Green Street), and utilized during job fairs and community events, providing job seekers with a user-friendly platform to search for open positions within Albany County, fostering a modern approach to recruitment and facilitating on-the-spot applications, and

WHEREAS, The implementation of the "Career Connector" program, will significantly benefit the County by addressing the critical workforce shortage, creating accessible and efficient channels for job seekers, and enhancing the County's ability to attract and retain skilled employees, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to disburse ARPA funding in the amount of \$20,000 to and enter into an agreement with the Albany County Department of Human Resources, Albany, NY 12207 regarding the "Career Connector" program 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.4.1509C.04089Z.ARP23 by \$20,000

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.1509C.22050Z.ARP23 by \$8,000 by increasing Line Item 22050Z.ARP23 by \$8,000

Increase Appropriation Account CM.9.1509C.44046Z.ARP23 by \$12,000 by increasing Line Item 44046Z.ARP23 by \$12,000

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.