

**Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement To Receive Grant Funding From The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation For Green Infrastructure Elements Utilized In The STRIVE Project – SUNY Ulster Satellite Campus – Department Of Planning**

Referred to: The Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee (Chairman Donaldson, and Legislators Archer, Gregorius, Lopez, and Wawro), The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Briggs and Legislators Allen, Archer, Litts, Maio, Maloney, and Rodriguez), The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman Bartels and Legislators Greene, Richard Parete, Ronk and Wawro), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

Chairman of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee, David B. Donaldson, and Deputy Chairman Mary Wawro offer the following:

WHEREAS, this Resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Planning; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County is moving forward with implementation of the Strategic Taxpayer Relief through Innovative Visions in Education (“STRIVE”) Project; and

WHEREAS, STRIVE has, as its cornerstone, the relocation of the SUNY Ulster/ Ulster County Community College (“UCCC”) Extension Center from the Business Resource Center to the former Sophie Finn Elementary School at 94 Mary’s Avenue in Kingston, New York, adjacent to Kingston High School; and

WHEREAS, in order for Sophie Finn to be utilized as an UCCC Extension Center, renovations and improvements must be made (the “Project”), and the County Legislature created Capital Project No. 370 by Resolution No. 261 dated October 16, 2012, and subsequently amended by Resolution No. 178 dated July 18, 2013, for the purpose of authorizing architectural design, legal and SEQRA review, and construction management services for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature supported the Implementation of STRIVE, UCCC Renovation of Sophie Finn Elementary School pursuant to Resolution No. 300 dated November 19, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, in December 2013, following the passage of Resolution No. 300, Ulster County received notice of up to an additional \$439,000.00 grant award from New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation under the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) for design and construction of environmentally-sustainable “green infrastructure” elements, including pervious parking areas, rain gardens, and other innovative storm water management elements; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster is required to provide a local match of ten percent of the total GIGP project costs, currently estimated to be \$488,788.00, requiring a local match of \$48,879.00, which will be provided through private grant funding received previously for STRIVE implementation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 391 dated December 17, 2013, the Ulster County Legislature adopted and issued a Negative Declaration under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for the purchase and rehabilitation of Sophie Finn for use as the SUNY Ulster Kingston Extension Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute a Grant Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in the sample form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, as well as any other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project and fulfill the County of Ulster’s obligations under the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) Grant Agreement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Ulster authorizes the ten percent local match as required by the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) for the STRIVE- SUNY Ulster Satellite College Green Infrastructure, with the source of the local match being private grant contributions received by Ulster County for STRIVE implementation;

and move its adoption.

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit on April 1, 2014

Passed Committee: Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services on April 2, 2014

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment on \_\_\_\_\_.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on \_\_\_\_\_.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$439,000.00 – MAXIMUM POTENTIAL GRANT REIMBURSEMENT