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Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Contract With The NYS Department Of State For The Implementation Of The Quality Communities Grant To Improve Existing Centers

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Berardi, Gregorio, Loughran, Sheeley, Alfonso and Roberti) offers the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County’s hamlets and centers are important economic activity areas and support quality future growth patterns, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County submitted an application to the Department of State Quality Communities Program (2006-2007) for Environmental Protection Funds to support specific aspects of development in and around existing centers as part of its Comprehensive Planning effort as authorized by Resolution No. 385 dated November 8, 2006, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has approved Ulster County’s grant application in the amount of $60,000.00 in State funding with a required $15,000.00 local match, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Planning Board will be able to meet the required local match using in kind services and has sufficient funds in its 2007 budget to conduct the studies necessary to complete the work included in the grant application, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to enter into the necessary agreement with the NYS Department of State to implement the grant for the amount of $75,000.00, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Planning Board is directed to begin work with municipalities to establish a framework toward the goal of supporting quality growth in and around their existing centers and hamlets in accordance with the requirements of the grant,
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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32    NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Every)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
$60,000.00 – 2007 STATE REVENUE DOLLARS
(NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE)
$15,000.00 – 2007 COUNTY DOLLARS
(IN-KIND SERVICES)