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Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Patire, Nichols

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date June 9, 2026

Resolution No. G/2

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Resolution G/369/24 authorized the acceptance of a grant award from the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") for the Lead Rental Registry Program in the amount of \$3,636,000.00 for a five-year program period beginning April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Department of Health ("Department") has been awarded an additional \$35,775 annually for years 3-5 amending the total award to \$3,743,325.00, an award of \$762,975.00 for each of the remaining three years of the five-year program period, April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, The funding is being used to establish a lead rental registry with the ability to identify applicable dwellings, collect statewide inspection and compliance data for communities of concern, provide flexibility to incorporate existing established programs and registries, and foster community partnerships and solutions; and

WHEREAS, This funding is being used in the identification and remediation of lead hazards in rental housing before children are harmed by lead poisoning; and

WHEREAS, The Department has set goals of requiring periodic inspections for lead hazards and providing an effective enforcement mechanism to ensure compliance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4090 Dept of Environmental			
A.4090.34891	\$1,483,236.00	\$26,831.00	\$1,510,067.00
LRR.2024.34891			
Lead Rental Registry Grant	TOTAL REVENUE:	\$26,831.00	

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.4090.04800	\$615,719.00	\$26,831.00	\$642,550.00
LRR.2024.04800			
Dept of Environmental-Contractual			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	\$26,831.00	

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

June 9, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive

Received from County Executive

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Type of Legislation: Local Law: _____ G Resolution: _____ P Resolution: _____

Title of Legislation: Accepting additional grant award for the Lead Rental Registry Program and Amending the 2026 Adopted Rensselaer County Budget

Requested by: Health Department

Sponsor(s): _____

FISCAL IMPACT

1) Projected cost of proposed legislation, if any: \$ 26,861.00 current year
\$ 80,461.00 (2027-2029) ongoing expenses per year

2) Method of financing – note all that apply (federal funding, state funding, bonding, tax levy, etc.): State

a) For federal funding: amount \$ _____ and length of time federal funding is available _____. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No _____

b) For state funding: amount \$ 107,325.00 and length of time state funding is available April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2029. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes x or No _____

c) If bonded, state amount of total indebtedness this legislation will create and projected interest cost over the course of borrowing:
Principal \$ _____
Total projected interest costs \$ _____

d) Tax levy impact for current year \$ 0.00 and ongoing \$ _____

e) Other (please explain) \$ _____

3) Is this expense or program mandated? Yes _____ No x

4) Length of expense or project (one time only, ongoing, etc.): Ongoing

5) Justification for the appropriation/expenditure requested. Include any revenue this will produce or any expense that will be avoided: _____

The Lead Rental Registry Grant is to establish a Rental Registry with the ability to identify applicable dwellings, collect statewide inspection and compliance data for communities of concern, provide flexibility to incorporate existing established programs and registries, and foster community partnerships and solutions.

Department Head

Leonard F. Claus Jr



Department of Health

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

JAMES V. McDONALD, MD, MPH
Commissioner

JOHANNE E. MORNE, MS
Executive Deputy Commissioner

April 7, 2026

Mr. Leonard Claus
Interim Public Health Director
Rensselaer County Department of Health
1600 Seventh Avenue
Troy, NY 12180

Dear Mr. Claus,

We are pleased to inform you that your Lead Rental Registry contract will be amended to include additional funding. Your anticipated annual award for years 3-5 (4/1/26-3/31/29) will be \$762,975, an increase of \$35,775, bringing your amended 5-year contract value to \$3,743,325. Final grant awards are contingent upon review and approval of the Office of the State Comptroller and the availability of funds.

Templates for the year three work plan and budget will be sent in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rental.Registry@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Cates". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rachel" and last name "Cates" clearly distinguishable.

Rachel Cates
Health Program Administrator
Center for Environmental Health

**ATTACHMENT B-1 - EXPENDITURE BASED BUDGET
SUMMARY**

PROJECT NAME: Lead Rental Registry Program

CONTRACTOR SFS PAYEE NAME: Rensselaer County Health Department

CONTRACT NUMBER: C-39931

CONTRACT PERIOD: From: 4/1/2026

To: 3/31/2027

CATEGORY OF EXPENSE	GRANT FUNDS	MATCH FUNDS	MATCH %	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
1. Personal Services					
a) Salary	185,383.95		0.00%		\$ 185,383.95
b) Fringe	80,642.02		0.00%		
Subtotal	266,025.97	0.00	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 266,025.97
2. Non Personal Services					
a) Contractual Services	438,294.00		0.00%		\$ 438,294.00
b) Travel	500.00		0.00%		\$ 500.00
c) Equipment			0.00%		\$ -
d) Space/Property & Utilities			0.00%		\$ -
e) Operating Expenses	56,655.03		0.00%		\$ 56,655.03
f) Other	1,500.00		0.00%		\$ 1,500.00
Subtotal	496,949.03	0.00	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 496,949.03
TOTAL	762,975.00	0.00	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 762,975.00

\$762,975

Grant
Total

NUMBER OF MONTHS	TOTAL
9	\$ 21,555.00
3	\$ 7,328.70
3	\$ 13,456.98
3	\$ 13,726.13
9	\$ 43,242.00
3	\$ 14,702.25
9	\$ 31,860.00
3	\$ 10,832.50
3	\$ 10,620.00
3	\$ 10,845.00
9	\$ 5,384.63
3	\$ 1,830.78
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 185,383.95
	\$ 0.44
	\$ 80,642.02
ICES TOTAL	\$ 266,025.97

ATTACHMENT B-1 - EXPENDITURE BASED BUDGET
NON-PERSONAL SERVICES DETAIL

CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - TYPE/DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
City of Troy	\$ 433,294.00
Dust sampling	\$ 5,000.00
<i>Please provide the scope of work / deliverables that the sub-contractor(s) will provide.</i>	
The subcontractor will provide 12 RRP (initial and refresher combined), 150 initial lead risk assessments, and provide	
TOTAL	\$ 438,294.00

TRAVEL - TYPE/DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Mileage	\$ 500.00
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
TOTAL	\$ 500.00

ATTACHMENT B-1 - EXPENDITURE BASED BUDGET

EQUIPMENT - TYPE/DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
8.	
TOTAL	\$ -

SPACE/PROPERTY EXPENSES: RENT - TYPE/DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
1.	
2.	
3.	
TOTAL	\$ -

SPACE/PROPERTY EXPENSES: OWN - TYPE/DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
1	
2	
3	
TOTAL	\$ -

TYPE/DESCRIPTION OF UTILITY EXPENSES	TOTAL
1.	
2.	
3.	
TOTAL	\$ -

ATTACHMENT B-1 - EXPENDITURE BASED BUDGET

OPERATING EXPENSES - TYPE/DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Remediation supplies--Property owners may apply to receive the following incentive items to remediate hazards. They must provide a work plan as well as a copy of a current RRP certificate. The following items are offered: Paint/primer (interior and exterior as well as floor enamel), 6 mil plastic sheeting, caulk & Caulk gun, paint train kits, paint burshes, spraybottle, duct & painters tape, sanding sponge, spackle, contractor bags, putty knife and paint scrapers, various PPE, various cleaning supplies	\$ 39,405.03
Educational materials	\$ 15,000.00
Zoom Software	\$ 170.00
Microsoft Office for meeting room	\$ 400.00
Canva software	\$ 150.00
Inspection supplies	\$ 200.00
Table clothes	\$ 350.00
XRF batteries	\$ 630.00
Computer monitors (QTY 3)	\$ 350.00
TOTAL	\$ 56,655.03

OTHER - TYPE/DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Printing and Copying	\$ 1,500.00
8.	
TOTAL	\$ 1,500.00

I hereby certify that all products /incentives purchased will be free of lead.

Please provide descriptions of promotional, educational or outreach items below

(please provide your initials as certification)

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Patire, Nichols

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date June 9, 2026

Resolution No. G/3

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF TROY, NY FOR THE LEAD RENTAL REGISTRY PROGRAM - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Resolution G/369/24 authorized the acceptance of a grant award from the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") for the Lead Rental Registry Program for the period beginning April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, The funding is being used to identify lead hazards, with goals of identifying high risk housing, providing resources to homeowners, and developing community partnerships to sustain the program past the life of the grant; and

WHEREAS, The Department will administer and oversee the grant activities by continuing to collaborate and contract with the City of Troy, 433 River Street, Suite 5001, Troy, NY 12180, to meet the goals and objectives of this program; and

WHEREAS, The Department seeks to enter into a contract with the City of Troy for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029, with the intent that such contract would be amended on an annual basis through the end date of the noted grant with the amount of year 1 being \$433,294.00, and years 2 and 3 being said amount plus cost of living adjustments; and

WHEREAS, The Department will submit future required Resolutions to amend said contract for the additional cost of living adjustments as necessary; and

WHEREAS, The Department has budgeted the necessary grant funds within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation code A.4090.04800.LRR.2024.04800; and

WHEREAS, The appropriations necessary for subsequent terms of this contract will be included within the program's future budgets; now, therefore, be it

WHEREAS, The stated and end date of such contract, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Lead Rental	City of Troy	A.4090.04800.LR	Year 1 - \$433,294.00
Registry Program	433 River Street	R.2024.04800	Year 2-3 above amount
4/1/2026 -	Suite 5001		plus cost of living
3/31/2029	Troy, NY 12180		adjustments

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures, and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this Resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above contract, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

June 9, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Type of Legislation: Local Law: _____ G Resolution: _____ P Resolution: _____

Title of Legislation: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF TROY FOR LEAD RENTAL REGISTRY GRANT

Requested by: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Sponsor(s): _____

FISCAL IMPACT

1) Projected cost of proposed legislation, if any: \$ 433,294.00 current year
_____ ongoing expenses per year

2) Method of financing – note all that apply (federal funding, state funding, bonding, tax levy, etc.): _____

a) For federal funding: amount \$ _____ and length of time federal funding is available _____. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No _____

b) For state funding: amount \$ 433,294.00 and length of time state funding is available 4/1/26-3/31/27. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No x

c) If bonded, state amount of total indebtedness this legislation will create and projected interest cost over the course of borrowing:
Principal \$ _____
Total projected interest costs \$ _____

d) Tax levy impact for current year \$ _____ and ongoing \$ _____

e) Other (please explain) \$ _____

3) Is this expense or program mandated? Yes _____ No _____

4) Length of expense or project (one time only, ongoing, etc.): _____

5) Justification for the appropriation/expenditure requested. Include any revenue this will produce or any expense that will be avoided: To establish a Rental Registry with the ability to identify applicable dwellings, collect statewide inspection and compliance data for communities of concern, provide flexibility to incorporate existing established programs and registries, and foster community partnerships and solutions

Department Head

Leonard F Claus Jr

Troy / Rensselaer County Landlord Registry Draft Budget

<u>Description</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Cell Phone Monthly Charge	1,200.00	4	\$ 4,800.00
Other Materials & Supplies			\$ 7,000.00
Gas & Other Vehicle Expenses	5,000.00	3	\$ 15,000.00
Clothing/Uniform & Boot	800.00	3	\$ 2,400.00
Postage			\$ 10,000.00
			<u>\$ 39,200.00</u>

Personnel

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Fringe</u>		
Rental Registry Inspector	51,591	39,199	3	\$ 272,370.00
Rental Registry Clerk	43,944	37,546	1	\$ 81,490.00
Partial Salary for Supervisor	20,000	7,234	1	\$ 27,234.00
				<u>\$ 381,094.00</u>
Overtime				\$ 10,000.00
Training				\$ 3,000.00
				<u>\$ 13,000.00</u>

TOTAL: \$ 433,294.00

**Rensselaer County
and
City of Troy**

This Agreement is made by and between Rensselaer County on behalf of its Health Department, with offices located at 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush, New York 12061 hereinafter referred to as the “County” and City of Troy with an address of 433 River Street, Suite 5001, Troy, New York 12180, hereinafter referred to as the “City”. County and City are sometimes referred to in this Agreement individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to make available to the County new lead initiative targeting prevention of childhood lead poisoning, including creation of a State rental registry and proactive inspections to identify lead hazards as authorized by New York State Public Health Law Section 1377 (enacted by Part T of Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2023, effective November 5, 2025); and

WHEREAS, New York State has made funding available now in order for municipalities to prepare for the new legislation; and

WHEREAS, the City is a governmental agency and is authorized to furnish such services to the people of Troy New York, and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through its duly elected County Legislature and County Executive, desires to contract with the City for the furnishing of such community services as aforesaid, and the said City has agreed to render and furnish such community services to the extent indicated herein, and as are hereinafter set forth, and under the terms and conditions hereinafter provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed between the parties as follows:

1. The City agrees to furnish services to the Rensselaer County Health Department with program development, creating strategies, and implementation of the Lead Rental Registry grant awarded by The New York State Department of Health to Rensselaer County and as listed on **Attachment-1. The County agrees to reimburse the City for services rendered pursuant to the grant. The parties acknowledge that the New York State Department of Health has not yet published draft regulations for public comment for Public Health Law Section 1377. The parties agree to amend this agreement in the event regulatory interpretation of Section 1377 so requires.**
2. The City agrees to submit to the County fiscal reports as requested and required by State funding agencies.
3. The term of this Agreement shall be from **April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 with annual renewals for the duration of the grant.** Either Party may terminate this Agreement,

provided that the party terminating this Agreement gives thirty (30) days written notice of termination to the other Party, which shall be served upon the other Party by first class mail.

4. The City agrees that it shall have available for audit and inspection by the County and New York State any records relating to this Agreement and shall make available upon request any independent audit obtained by the City regarding the services provided under this Agreement.

5. The City expressly represents and agrees that the Budget for costs of service to be rendered by the City under this contract and as listed on **Attachment-2** shall not exceed a total net cost of **\$433,294.00**.

6. The parties to this agreement further agree to take such action to amend this agreement as may be necessary for the parties to maintain compliance with HIPAA requirements.

7. City expressly acknowledges and agrees that this contract will be considered executory to the extent New York State or Federal funding is relied upon by the County for the payment of any services to be furnished by City under the terms and provisions of this agreement, and that in the event such funding shall not be forthcoming, this agreement may be terminated by the County upon reasonable prior written notice to City.

8. This agreement is subject to the provisions of Section 103a and 103b, as amended, except as such portions thereof may be declared invalid, of the New York General Municipal Law which requires that upon the refusal of a person, when called before a grand jury to testify concerning any transaction or contract had with the state, any political subdivision thereof, a public authority of with any public department, agency or official of the state or of any political subdivision thereof or of a public authority, to sign a waiver of immunity against subsequent criminal prosecution or to answer any relevant question concerning such transaction or contract.

a. Such person, and any firm, partnership or corporation of which he is a member, partner, director or officer shall be disqualified from thereafter selling to or submitting bids to or receiving awards from or entering into any contracts with any municipal corporation or any public department, agency or official thereof, for goods, work or services, for a period of five years after such refusal; and

b. Any and all contracts made by any municipal corporation or any public department, agency or official thereof, since the effectuate date of this law, by such person, and by any firm, partnership or corporation of which he is a member, partner, director or officer may be canceled or terminated by the municipal corporation without incurring any penalty or damages on account of such cancellation or termination but any monies owing by the municipal corporation for goods delivered or work done prior to the cancellation or termination shall be paid.

9. In the event of a reduction of County revenues resulting from Federal and/or State budgetary action or program changes, the County reserves the right to reduce the gross sum payable as provided in the foregoing contract by such sum or percentage of sum as may be determined by resolution of the Rensselaer County Legislature amending respective revenue and appropriation codes of the County budget. In the event the County so elects to reduce the contract amount, it shall notify the contracting party and this contract shall be deemed to be

amended by reference in conformity with such resolution amending the adopted County budget.

a. In the event that the appropriate State agencies should wrongfully fail to approve any claims of the City submitted pursuant to this Agreement or shall wrongfully fail to pay any reimbursement pursuant to any such claim, the County agrees that it will, upon demand of the City, and concurrence of the County Attorney commence and maintain such administrative proceedings or legal proceedings against the State of New York or any agency thereof to recover such funds as City shall demand, provided that City shall provide, at no cost to County, counsel of City's choice to pursue such proceedings or such litigation and the City shall pay all expenses of such proceedings or litigation.

b. In the event either Party to the agreement shall initiate litigation against the other Party to protect or enforce any right or benefit in favor of such Party under the terms of this Agreement, the parties hereby mutually agree that the Supreme Court of the State of New York shall exercise exclusive jurisdiction over such litigation, and that the venue of the same shall be County of Rensselaer, New York

10. Non-Discrimination

During the performance of this Agreement the City agrees that:

a. It will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

b. No person shall be denied the services provided for by this Agreement because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, or inability to pay.

c. The City shall not discriminate in the admission, care, treatment, employment, and confidentiality of persons with AIDS or HIV-related medical conditions. Agencies found to have discriminated or to have breached the confidentiality of AIDS-related medical records will be required to implement remedial plans, including staff education, to prevent future incidents. In cases of repeated violations or refusals to comply, State funding to such agencies will be terminated and/or administrative fines imposed.

11. The City certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:

a. No State or Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the City, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence legislation or appropriation actions pending before local, State and Federal executive and/or legislative bodies in connection with the awarding of any contract, the making of any grant, the making of any loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any contract, grant loan, or cooperative agreement.

b. If any funds other than State or Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence legislation or appropriation actions pending before local, State and Federal executive and/or legislative bodies in connection with this contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

c. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Failure to file the required certification shall be subject to civil penalty by the Federal government of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

12. Environmental Tobacco Certification

By signing this agreement the City certifies that the organization will comply with requirements of the Federal Public Law 103-277, also known as the Children Act of 1994 and any State or Local laws which may be more restrictive in regards to the regulation or governance of smoking in public places and facilities. The Federal Law requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly; for the provision of health, day care, early childhood development services, education or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local government, by Federal grant, contract, loan or loan guarantee. The law also applies to children's services that are provided in indoor facilities that are constructed, operated, or maintained with such Federal funds. In all instances, if any State (NYS Public Health Law '13399-o) or local law, rule or regulation is more restrictive than the applicable federal law then all terms of the state or local law, rule or regulation shall apply.

13. The following information regarding the City is pertinent and necessary for the parties to carry out this agreement:

Address: 433 River Street, Suite 5001 Troy, New York 12180

Attention: Gabriella Mahoney

Phone: 518-279-7108

Agency e-mail Address: Gabrielle.Mahoney@troyny.gov

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the duly authorized officers of the respective Parties.

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Loveridge, Grant, Ashley, Patire, Nichols

Sent To: Contracts & Agreements

Committee

Date June 9, 2026

Resolution No. G/5

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH REJHA GROUP, LLC FOR
TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS FOR THE 2026-27
SCHOOL YEAR AND SUMMER 2027 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Department of Health ("Department") pursuant to Education Law Section 4410 and related New York State Early Intervention Regulations is required to provide transportation to authorized programs for children ages birth to five (5) years old with special needs; and

WHEREAS, The Department received quotes/proposal from various vendors via RFB-26-13 for transportation program clusters for the Division of Special Needs, with Rejha Group, LLC, 23 Railroad Avenue, Albany, New York 12205 providing the most advantageous bid; and

WHEREAS, The Department seeks Legislative approval to enter into an agreement with Rejha Group, LLC for the 2026-27 school year and 2027 summer to provide said transportation services; and

WHEREAS, The first year of agreement will be for a term period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027 totaling \$5,441,478.00, with subsequent years the payment would be increased by an amount equal to the increase in the CPI, published in the month of May immediately preceding the date on which the new contract year is to commence in which Rensselaer County exercises its option of renewal, or 3%, whichever is less; and, be it further

WHEREAS, The Department has budgeted the necessary funds within the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget via appropriation code A.2960.04800; and

WHEREAS, The start and end date of the agreement, the source of funding of the same, the total amount to be expended over the life of the same, which shall not exceed budgeted appropriations, and the name and address of the contracting party are as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Transportation services 2026-27 school year and summer 9/1/26-8/31/27 Cluster Nos.: 1-8	Rejha Group, Inc. 23 Railroad Avenue Albany, NY 12205	A.2960.04800	\$5,441,478.00

; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above agreement, subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

June 9, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Type of Legislation: Local Law: _____ G Resolution: X P Resolution: _____

Amending an Agreement for the Transportation of Children

Title of Legislation: with Special Needs for School Year 2026-2027 & Summer 2027

Requested by Department of Health

Sponsor(s): _____

FISCAL IMPACT

1) Projected cost of proposed legislation, if any: \$ 5,441,478.00 current year
\$ _____ ongoing expenses per year

2) Method of financing – note all that apply (federal funding, state funding, bonding, tax levy, etc.): State Funding / Tax Levy

a) For federal funding: amount \$ _____ and length of time federal funding is available _____. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No _____

b) For state funding: amount \$ 3,237,679.41 and length of time state funding is available 3 Years. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes X or No _____

c) If bonded, state amount of total indebtedness this legislation will create and projected interest cost over the course of borrowing:
Principal \$ _____
Total projected interest costs \$ _____

d) Tax levy impact for current year \$ 2,203,798.59 and ongoing \$ _____

e) Other (please explain) \$ _____

3) Is this expense or program mandated? Yes X No _____

4) Length of expense or project (one time only, ongoing, etc.): Ongoing (9/26-8/27)

5) Justification for the appropriation/expenditure requested. Include any revenue this will produce or any expense that will be avoided: Mandated Program to provide services for Children with Special Needs under Article 89 and Part 200 of State Education Law

Department Head

Leonard Claus

BID SPREADSHEET

BID NO. RFB-26-13

DESCRIPTION: Transportation of Preschool and Early Intervention
Children with Disabilities - Rensselaer County Department of
Health: Effective 09/01/2026 through 08/31/2027

OPENING DATE: Thursday, April 30, 2026

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

VENDOR NAME:
Durham School Services, LP

SURETY		NON-COLLUSIVE		LOCAL LAW #2
X		X		X

Program Cluster 1						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 5						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$691.97	1	\$751.97	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	6	\$525.54	6	\$585.54	1	\$128.37
One-Way	1	\$394.16	1	\$439.16	1	\$55.76

Program Cluster 2						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 6						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 3						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$717.77	1	\$777.77	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	4	\$551.35	4	\$611.35	1	\$128.37
One-Way	1	\$413.51	1	\$458.51	1	\$55.76

Program Cluster 7						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$717.77	1	\$777.77	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	2	\$551.35	2	\$611.35	1	\$128.37
One-Way	1	\$413.51	1	\$458.51	1	\$55.76

Program Cluster 4						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$683.37	1	\$743.37	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	3	\$516.94	3	\$576.94	1	\$128.37
One-Way	1	\$387.71	1	\$432.71	1	\$55.76

Program Cluster 8						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$726.38	1	\$786.38	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	4	\$559.95	4	\$619.95	1	\$128.37
One-Way	1	\$419.96	1	\$464.96	1	\$55.76

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VENDOR NAME:
Rejha Group, LLC

SURETY		NON-COLLUSIVE		LOCAL LAW #2
X		X		X

Program Cluster 1						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$524.00	1	\$524.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	4	\$524.00	4	\$524.00	1	\$75.00
One-Way	1	\$262.00	1	\$262.00	1	\$75.00

Program Cluster 5						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	524.00	1	524.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	6	524.00	6	524.00	1	75.00
One-Way	1	262.00	1	262.00	1	75.00

Program Cluster 2						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$524.00	1	\$524.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	2	\$524.00	1	\$524.00	1	\$75.00
One-Way	1	\$262.00	1	\$262.00	1	\$75.00

Program Cluster 6						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	524.00	1	524.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	8	524.00	8	524.00	1	75.00
One-Way	1	262.00	1	262.00	1	75.00

Program Cluster 3						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$524.00	1	\$524.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	4	\$524.00	4	\$524.00	1	\$75.00
One-Way	1	\$262.00	1	\$262.00	1	\$75.00

Program Cluster 7						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	524.00	1	524.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	2	524.00	2	524.00	1	75.00
One-Way	1	262.00	1	262.00	1	75.00

Program Cluster 4						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$524.00	1	\$524.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	3	\$524.00	3	\$524.00	1	\$75.00
One-Way	1	\$262.00	1	\$262.00	1	\$75.00

Program Cluster 8						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	524.00	1	524.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	4	524.00	4	524.00	1	75.00
One-Way	1	262.00	1	262.00	1	75.00

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VENDOR NAME:
First Student, Inc.

SURETY		NON-COLLUSIVE		LOCAL LAW #2
X		X		X

Program Cluster 1						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 5						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 2						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 6						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 3						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 7						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 4						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	692.00	1	742.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	3	590.00	3	650.00	1	120.00
One-Way	1	285.00	1	325.00	1	60.00

Program Cluster 8						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

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VENDOR NAME:
Amazing Grace Transportation

SURETY		NON-COLLUSIVE		LOCAL LAW #2
X		X		X

Program Cluster 1						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$585.50	1	\$605.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	4	\$585.50	4	\$605.00	1	\$102.00
One-Way	1	\$450.50	1	\$450.50	1	\$102.00

Program Cluster 5						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 2						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$515.50	1	\$540.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	2	\$515.50	1	\$540.00	1	\$102.00
One-Way	1	\$405.00	1	\$405.00	1	\$102.00

Program Cluster 6						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	540.00	1	565.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	8	540.00	8	565.00	1	120.50
One-Way	1	430.00	1	430.00	1	120.50

Program Cluster 3						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day						
Round Trip						
One-Way						NO BID

Program Cluster 7						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$650.00	1	\$695.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	2	\$650.00	2	\$695.00	1	\$120.50
One-Way	1	\$550.00	1	\$550.00	1	\$120.50

Program Cluster 4						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$510.50	1	\$535.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	3	\$510.50	3	\$535.00	1	\$102.00
One-Way	1	\$405.00	1	\$405.00	1	\$102.00

Program Cluster 8						Cost Any Size Veh
Route Pkg Type	Eval #	Type 1 Vehicle	Eval #	Type 2 Vehicle	Eval #	1-on-1 Aide
Full Day	1	\$650.00	1	\$695.00	N/A	N/A
Round Trip	4	\$650.00	4	\$695.00	1	\$120.50
One-Way	1	\$550.00	1	\$550.00	1	\$120.50

RENSELAER CO.- SY 26-27 PKSE TRANSPORTATION COST ESTIMATES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 THRU AUGUST 31, 2027

Vehicle Type: Type 1 = 5 or less children, Vehicle Type 2 = 6 or more children

Rte. Type: F/D = Full Day, R/T = Round Trip

Cluster	# OF Rtes	VEH. TYPE	RTE. TYPE	COST/RTE	COST/DAY	SY DAYS	TOTAL/rte
1	3		1 F/D	\$ 524.00	\$ 1,572.00	210	\$ 330,120.00
	1		1 R/T	\$ 524.00	\$ 524.00	210	\$ 110,040.00
SUB-TOTAL							\$ 440,160.00
2	2		1 R/T	\$ 524.00	\$ 1,048.00	210	\$ 220,080.00
	SUB-TOTAL						
3	4		1 F/D	\$ 524.00	\$ 2,096.00	210	\$ 440,160.00
	1		1 R/T	\$ 524.00	\$ 524.00	210	\$ 110,040.00
SUB-TOTAL							\$ 550,200.00
4	1		1 F/D	\$ 524.00	\$ 524.00	210	\$ 110,040.00
	3		1 R/T	\$ 524.00	\$ 1,572.00	210	\$ 330,120.00
SUB-TOTAL							\$ 440,160.00
5	9		1 R/T	\$ 524.00	\$ 4,716.00	210	\$ 990,360.00
	5		2 R/T	\$ 524.00	\$ 2,620.00	210	\$ 550,200.00
SUB-TOTAL							\$ 1,540,560.00
6	7		1 R/T	\$ 524.00	\$ 3,668.00	210	\$ 770,280.00
	1		2 R/T	\$ 524.00	\$ 524.00	210	\$ 110,040.00
SUB-TOTAL							\$ 880,320.00
7	2		1 R/T	\$ 524.00	\$ 1,048.00	210	\$ 220,080.00
	SUB-TOTAL						
8	2		1 F/D	\$ 524.00	\$ 1,048.00	210	\$ 220,080.00
	2		2 F/D	\$ 524.00	\$ 1,048.00	210	\$ 220,080.00
SUB-TOTAL							\$ 440,160.00
TOTAL (PRE-BUFFER)							\$ 4,731,720.00
BUFFER (15%)							\$ 709,758.00
TOTAL (W/BUFFER)							\$ 5,441,478.00

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Patire, Grant, Nichols

Sent To: Health

Committee

Date June 9, 2026

Resolution No. G/15

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM
THE JUUL LABS, INC. SETTLEMENT AND AMENDING THE 2026 RENSSELAER COUNTY
ADOPTED BUDGET – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, In 2024 New York Attorney General Letitia James announced a settlement with JUUL Labs, Inc. for the Capital Region to combat youth vaping epidemic and as part of this settlement Rensselaer County Department of Health is being awarded a total of \$605,331.97 from 2025 to 2030; and

WHEREAS, The settlement amount is to be divided into eight equal payments of \$75,666.49 with the amount of \$226,999.49 received in 2025 being equal to three parts of this settlement, and

WHEREAS, The remainder of the settlement funds to be received in subsequent years 2026 through 2030 with the Department expected to receive the 2026 portion of \$75,666.50 this Spring; and

WHEREAS, The JUUL Labs, Inc. settlement funds are to be used for evidence-based measures to combat underage vaping and e-cigarette addiction with New York State requiring Counties to dedicate the settlement funds they receive into five categories: Public Education, Community anti-vaping programs, Vaping cessation, Enforcement of vaping laws, and Public Health Research; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County is committed to keeping harmful products out of the hands of children and minors, and ensuring their health, safety and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The JUUL Labs, Inc. settlement marks a crucial step in the ongoing fight against youth vaping and will allow the Department to implement vital programs aimed at preventing underage vaping and supporting those affected; and

WHEREAS, The funds will enable the Department to begin educational campaigns, commence cessation services, and enforce vaping regulations that protect our youth from the harmful effects of e-cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, A total of \$302,665.00 of said funds will be added to the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget to fund related expenses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Department of Finance shall create a special reserve fund balance for unspent JUUL Labs, Inc. settlement revenue for future use; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2026 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

2026 GENERAL FUND OTHER SOURCES

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Misc Reserve			
A.00889.JUUL	\$226,999.49	<u>\$(226,999.00)</u>	\$0.00
Total General Fund Other Sources:		\$(226,999.49)	

2026 GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
HEALTH - NURSING			
A.4017.26901.JUUL	\$0.00	<u>\$302,665.00</u>	\$302,665.00
Interfund Transfer General			
	TOTAL REVENUE:	\$302,665.00	

2026 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
HEALTH - NURSING			
A.4017.04100.JUUL Printing	\$0.00	\$15,133.00	\$15,133.00
A.4017.04500.JUUL Supplies	\$0.00	\$15,133.00	\$15,133.00
A.4017.04800.JUUL Contractual	\$0.00	\$272,399.00	\$272,399.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:		\$302,665.00	

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

June 9, 2026

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Type of Legislation: Local Law: _____ G Resolution: _____ P Resolution: _____

Title of Legislation: Resolution Authorizing use of JUUL Settlement funds and Amending the 2026 Adopted Budget

Requested by: Department of Health

Sponsor(s): _____

FISCAL IMPACT

1) Projected cost of proposed legislation, if any: \$ 302,666.00 current year
\$ 302,666.00 (2027-2030) ongoing expenses per year

2) Method of financing – note all that apply (federal funding, state funding, bonding, tax levy, etc.): _____

a) For federal funding: amount \$ _____ and length of time federal funding is available _____. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No _____

b) For state funding: amount \$ _____ and length of time state funding is available _____. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No _____

c) If bonded, state amount of total indebtedness this legislation will create and projected interest cost over the course of borrowing:
Principal \$ _____
Total projected interest costs \$ _____

d) Tax levy impact for current year \$ _____ and ongoing \$ _____

e) Other (please explain) \$ 302,666.00 of JUUL Settlement

3) Is this expense or program mandated? Yes _____ No x _____

4) Length of expense or project (one time only, ongoing, etc.): Ongoing

5) Justification for the appropriation/expenditure requested. Include any revenue this will produce or any expense that will be avoided: _____

This funding is to reduce tax levy by covering expenses related to combating the youth vaping epidemic

Department Head

Leonard F. Claus Jr.

**Letitia James**

New York State Attorney General

Attorney General James Announces Over \$6.6 Million for the Capital Region to Combat Youth Vaping Epidemic

Funds from \$112.7 Million Settlement with JUUL for its Role in the Youth Vaping Epidemic

Money Will Help Young New Yorkers Quit Vaping and Support Anti-Vaping Programs

June 21, 2024

NEW YORK – New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced the Capital Region will receive over \$6.6 million from a historic \$462 million multistate settlement that she secured from JUUL Labs Inc. (JUUL) for its role in the youth vaping epidemic that led to a dangerous rise in underage e-cigarette use nationwide. New York state will receive a total of \$112.7 million through this settlement, which Attorney General James will distribute to every county, Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), and the five largest cities in the state to support programs that will help reduce and prevent underage vaping.

“E-cigarettes are dangerous and addictive products, but JUUL launched its business by marketing them to children and deceiving its customers about the harm they cause,” said **Attorney General James**. “Young people across our state are now facing serious mental and physical health challenges because of JUUL’s tactics. The funds from this settlement will help leaders in the Capital Region tackle the youth vaping epidemic and reach the most vulnerable kids in their schools and communities. I thank my partners in government who will use these funds to keep New York youth safe.”

The funds will be split between counties and BOCES in the Capital Region:

Counties

- Albany County will receive \$1,055,715.55
- Columbia County will receive \$285,180.93
- Greene County will receive \$292,672.78
- Rensselaer County will receive \$605,331.97
- Saratoga County will receive \$984,376.05
- Schenectady County will receive \$523,014.31
- Warren County will receive \$381,885.14
- Washington County will receive \$419,833.43

BOCES

- Capital Region BOCES will receive \$1,062,991.22
- Questar III BOCES will receive \$468,013.79
- Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES will receive \$596,111.01

After JUUL launched in 2015, e-cigarette use among New York high school students skyrocketed. By 2019, the proliferation of vaping led to a national outbreak of severe vaping-related illnesses, with [more than 2,500 hospitalizations](#). In October 2019, a 17-year-old male from the Bronx died due to a vaping-related illness, making him the first reported vaping-related fatality in New York, and the youngest vaping-related fatality in the United States.

In November 2019, [Attorney General James sued JUUL](#) for its deceptive and misleading marketing that glamorized vaping and targeted young people. In April 2023, Attorney General James [secured the largest multistate agreement](#) with JUUL and its former directors and executives for their role in fueling the youth vaping epidemic. JUUL misled consumers about the nicotine content of its products, misrepresented the safety and therapeutic value of its products by stating that they were safer than cigarettes, and failed to prevent minors from purchasing its products in stores across the country.

The settlement funds will be used for evidence-based measures to combat underage vaping and e-cigarette addiction. Counties and BOCES must dedicate the settlement funds they receive to programs in five categories:

- Public education campaigns to prevent e-cigarette use among young people.
- Community, school, and university-based anti-vaping programs.

- Vaping cessation services in communities, schools, and colleges.
- Enforcement of vaping laws and regulations.
- Public health research into e-cigarette use among young people and the effectiveness of anti-vaping programs.

In addition to paying New York \$112.7 million, the settlement required JUUL to make significant changes to its sales and marketing tactics, including:

- Refraining from any marketing that targets youth, including using anyone under the age of 35 in promotional material or funding, operating youth education/prevention campaigns, or sponsoring school related activities.
- Limiting the amount of retail and online purchases an individual can make.
- Performing regular retail compliance checks at five percent of New York's retail stores that sell JUUL's products for at least four years.
- Treating synthetic nicotine as nicotine.
- Refraining from providing free or nominally priced JUUL pods as samples to consumers.
- Excluding product placement in virtual reality systems.
- Increasing funding to a document depository by up to \$5 million and adding millions of relevant documents to the depository to inform the public on how JUUL created a public health crisis.

"Rensselaer County is committed to keeping harmful products out of the hands of children and minors, and ensuring their health, safety and quality of life," **Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin**.

"This welcome funding is a win for public health, for our education system, and for municipal leaders who now have new tools in their arsenal to protect our kids," said **State Senator Jake Ashby**. "It's paramount that young people understand the serious health risks associated with vaping, and these prevention programs will keep many of them from ever starting," said Ashby."

"Today's allocation of over \$6.6 million to the Capital Region marks a crucial step in the ongoing fight against youth vaping," said **Assemblymember John T. McDonald III, RPh**. "These funds, secured through the Attorney General's settlement with JUUL Labs Inc., will allow our communities to implement vital programs aimed at preventing underage

vaping and supporting those affected. By investing these funds in public education, cessation services, and enforcement, we are prioritizing the health and safety of our young people. I commend Attorney General James for her work on this case and I am committed to working collaboratively to ensure these resources make a meaningful impact in our region.”

“This \$6.6 million settlement fund will support important programs in our district to combat youth vaping,” said **Assemblymember Scott Bendett**. “The funds will enable us to start educational campaigns, commence cessation services, and enforce vaping regulations that protect our youth from the harmful effects of e-cigarettes. As a father and the ranking member of the Food, Farm and Nutrition Committee, creating a healthier future for our children will always be a priority.”

“E-cigarettes pose a health risk, especially for our youth, by potentially leading to nicotine addiction and long-term health issues,” said **Assemblymember Angelo Santabarbara**. “Companies must prioritize the well-being of our community and avoid targeting young adults with misleading marketing. I commend Attorney General James for her efforts to protect our youth and address this critical issue. This settlement is another step towards safeguarding our community’s health.”

“Underage vaping is an epidemic that is putting our youth at risk of serious long-term health effects,” said **Assemblymember Patricia Fahy**. “These funds, secured by Attorney General James will help advance and support anti-vaping initiatives and educational programming that will educate young New Yorkers about the dangers of vaping – known and unknown. I commend Attorney General James’ diligence in ensuring companies pay for their role in perpetuating this health crisis.”

“I am pleased that Saratoga, Washington and Warren counties along with WSWHE BOCES will be receiving significant funds to invest in prevention and recovery services that help protect our children and save lives,” said **Assemblymember Carrie Woerner**. “We must hold accountable companies that are poisoning our communities by targeting our vulnerable young people with vaping products and marketing campaigns. I am grateful for Attorney General James’ continued work in battling the e-cigarette epidemic and fighting for the health our youth.”

“This settlement proves what we already knew: e-cigarettes are dangerous and addictive. It’s shameful that JUUL targeted our youth with their products,” said **Gary**

Hughes, Chair of the Schenectady County Legislature. “While JUUL’s marketing practices have already caused significant damage, Schenectady County will use the settlement money to improve our education and enforcement efforts to prevent further harm to our youth. On behalf of Schenectady County, I thank Attorney General James for her dedication to this issue and for securing this significant settlement.”

The settlement was led by Senior Advisor and Special Counsel M. Umair Khan, Assistant Attorneys General Hailey DeKraker and Noah Popp, and Healthcare Deputy Bureau Chief Leslieann Cachola. The settlement was also brought about by the work of Assistant Attorneys General Sarah Millings, Michael Reisman, and Abigail Kasowitz; Consumer Frauds Bureau Chief Jane Azia; Senior Assistant Solicitor General Dennis Fan, Deputy Solicitor General Judith Vale; Special Assistant Attorney General Emily Auletta; former Deputy Director of Research and Analytics Megan Thorsfeldt and Data Scientist Jasmine McAllister; Chief Scientist Jodi Feld, Information Technology Manager Corey Nugent, Information Technology Specialists Hewson Chen and Paige Podolny; E-Discovery Document Review Manager Carol Cheng; Civil Recoveries Section Chief Martin Mooney; and former Special Counsel Morenike Fajana, former Healthcare Bureau Chief Lisa Landau, and former Section Chief Amy Schallop. The Division for Social Justice is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and the Division for Economic Justice is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D’Angelo. Both the Division for Economic Justice and the Division for Social Justice are overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

