

SPECIAL RULES
JANUARY 9, 2024

Time Started:

Attendance: Hoffman, Loveridge, Herrington, Grimm, Doran

Staff:

Agenda

RESOLUTION	TITLE
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RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Special Rules

Committee

Date January 9, 2024

Resolution No. G/18/24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS WITH NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND AMENDING THE 2024 ADOPTED RENSSELAER COUNTY BUDGET - BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, This resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer County Board of Elections (the "Department") wishes to extend the terms of (3) contracts with the New York State Board of Elections: Poll Worker Training/Voter Education (#C002564), New York State Accessibility/Poll Site Improvements (#T002680), and HAVA/SHOEBOX funding (#C003240); and

WHEREAS, The current contracts, as noted above, were most recently extended through March 31, 2023, as per Resolution No. G/158/22; and

WHEREAS, Unused grant funds from all three programs from the department's 2022 budget were never rolled forward into the department's 2023 budget and there was no program activity within 2023; and

WHEREAS, The terms of the above-noted contracts have since been extended by New York State Board of Elections through March 31, 2024, and, as such, the Rensselaer County Board of Elections wishes to re-establish the budgets for these programs by rolling those previously unused funds from their 2022 budget into their 2024 budget; and

WHEREAS, The amount of the funds still available to the Department for all three of these programs has been provided by the New York State Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, These programs are fully funded by Federal monies and will produce no fiscal impact on Rensselaer County; 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 2024 Adopted Rensselaer County Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.40891 Federal Aid - HAVA (SHOEBOX Funds, NYS Contract #C003240)	\$ 0.00	\$45,276.00	\$45,276.00
A.1450.40891 .HAVA.EDU.40891 Poll Worker Training/ Voter Education (NYS Contract #C002564)	\$ 0.00	\$32,522.00	\$32,522.00
A.1450.40891 .HAVA.ACCESS.40891 NYS Accessibility/ Poll Site Improvements (NYS Contract #T002680)	\$ 0.00	\$36,276.00	\$36,276.00

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450 Board of Elections .02400 Other Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$45,276.00	\$45,276.00
.04561.HAVA.EDU.04561 Training (Alt #1)	\$ 0.00	\$32,522.00	\$32,522.00
.04421.HAVA.ACCESS.04421 Maintenance (Alt #1)	\$ 0.00	\$36,276.00	\$36,276.00

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive shall be and hereby is authorized to execute the above described agreements with New York State Board of Elections, subject to approval as to the form of such agreements by the Rensselaer County Attorney.

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

January 9, 2024

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

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: Special Rules Committee Date January 9, 2024

Resolution No. G/19/24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT EXTENSION AND AMENDING THE 2024 ADOPTED RENSSELAER COUNTY BUDGET - BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

WHEREAS, New York State Board of Elections (NYS BOE) has previously notified the Rensselaer County Board of Elections of available funds through the NYS Aid to Localities to establish the Early Voting Expansion Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Grant funds are to be used to offset the cost of NYS adopting Chapter 6 of the Laws of 2019, which established nine (9) days of early voting; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. G/291/21 authorized acceptance of a grant award in the amount of \$23,587.25 for reimbursable expenses related to early voting expansion for the period of April 7, 2021 through January 28, 2022 and Resolution No. G/270/22 extended the term of this grant program through January 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Unused grant funds from the department's 2022 budget were never rolled forward into the department's 2023 budget and there was no program activity within 2023; and

WHEREAS, The term of the above-noted program has since been extended by NYS BOE through January 28, 2024, and, as such, the Rensselaer County Board of Elections wishes to re-establish the budget for this program by rolling those previously unused funds from their 2022 budget into their 2024 budget; and

WHEREAS, This program is fully funded by State monies and will produce no fiscal impact on Rensselaer County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures, agreements and/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 2024 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.30891	\$ 0.00	\$12,987.00	\$12,987.00
.EVE.2021.30891			
BOE - State Aid (Early Voting Expansion Grant)			

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.02400	\$ 0.00	\$12,987.00	\$12,987.00
.EVE.2021.02400			
BOE - Other Equipment (Early Voting Expansion Grant)			

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

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Resolution No. G/20/24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT EXTENSION AND AMENDING THE 2023 AND 2024 ADOPTED RENSSELAER COUNTY BUDGETS - BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

WHEREAS, Per Resolution No. G/419/22, the County of Rensselaer was awarded and accepted \$38,186.67 in funding through the New York State Board of Elections (NYS BOE) Absentee Ballot Pre-Paid Postage Grant Program, for the period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Unused grant funds from the department's 2022 budget were rolled into their 2023 budget by Resolution No. G/110/23; and

WHEREAS, Per Resolution No. G/376/23, NYS BOE extended the term of the grant contract through December 31, 2023 and awarded Rensselaer County Board of Elections an additional \$38,186.67 in funding through this program; and

WHEREAS, NYS BOE has since extended the term of this program to March 31, 2024, and as such the department seeks to roll the remaining amount of this grant funding into the 2024 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, This program is fully funded by State monies and will produce no fiscal impact on Rensselaer County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures, agreements and/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 2023 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.30891.PPost	\$72,056.59	(\$40,278.00)	\$31,778.59
BOE State Aid - Pre-Paid Postage			

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.04150.PPost	\$76,373.00	(\$40,278.00)	\$36,095.00
BOE Postage - Pre-Paid Postage			

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2024 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.30891.PPost	\$ 0.00	\$40,279.00	\$40,279.00
BOE State Aid - Pre-Paid Postage			

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.04150.PPost	\$ 0.00	\$40,279.00	\$40,279.00
BOE Postage - Pre-Paid Postage			

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

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County Executive

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Resolution No. G/21/24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT EXTENSION AND AMENDING THE 2023 AND 2024 ADOPTED RENSSELAER COUNTY BUDGETS - BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

WHEREAS, New York State Board of Elections has previously notified the Rensselaer County Board of Elections of available funds through the NYS Capital Projects Budget to establish the Technology Innovation and Election Resource (TIER) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, These funds are to reimburse local dollars spent to further implement the capital purchase of software, technology upgrades, equipment and broadband service; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. G/292/21 authorized acceptance of the TIER Grant award in the amount of \$160,509.35 for reimbursable expenses as above-noted for the period of April 7, 2021 through January 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Unused grant funds from the department's 2021 budget were rolled into their 2022 budget by Resolution No. G/157/22; and

WHEREAS, Per Resolution No. G/375/23, the Rensselaer County Board of Elections was notified of an extension for this grant, resulting in an amended contract period of April 7, 2021 through January 28, 2024, with an additional award of \$133,832.54 to be added to the remaining original grant funding; and

WHEREAS, There was no 2023 activity within this grant, and further review of the program has determined that not only are there additional funds available for the department's use, but that the term of the grant has actually been extended through March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Given the above, the Board of Elections seeks to roll the remaining amount of this grant funding into the 2024 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, This program is fully funded by State monies and will produce no fiscal impact on Rensselaer County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures, agreements and/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 2023 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.30891	\$269,768.00	(\$269,768.00)	\$ 0.00
.TIER.2021.30891			
BOE - State Aid (Technology Innovation and Election Resource Grant)			

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.02400	\$269,768.00	(\$269,768.00)	\$ 0.00
.TIER.2021.02400			
BOE - Other Equipment (Technology Innovation and Election Resource Grant)			

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2024 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.30891	\$ 0.00	\$275,395.00	\$275,395.00
.TIER.2021.30891			
BOE - State Aid (Technology Innovation and Election Resource Grant)			

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

<u>CODE/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
A.1450.02400	\$ 0.00	\$275,395.00	\$275,395.00
.TIER.2021.02400			
BOE - Other Equipment (Technology Innovation and Election Resource Grant)			

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