

**Village of Aurora, NY**

**Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments**

Motion by Trustee Matthew Bianconi

Second by Trustee Janet Murphy

**Whereas**, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

**Whereas**, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

**Whereas**, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

**Whereas**, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

**Whereas**, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

**Whereas**, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

**Whereas**, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Village of Aurora Board of Trustees urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

Trustee James Balloni: AYE  
Trustee Matthew Bianconi: AYE  
Trustee L. John Miller: AYE  
Trustee Janet Murphy: AYE  
Mayor James Orman: AYE  
Carried unanimously.

**STATE OF NEW YORK)  
COUNTY OF CAYUGA) SS:  
VILLAGE OF AURORA**

I, Ann Balloni, Village Clerk of the Village of Aurora, New York, do hereby certify that the above resolution is an exact copy of the same adopted by the Board Trustees of the Village of Aurora at a regular meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

Ann Balloni  
Village Clerk