

Legislation Text

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Narrative of Resolution:

Request funds from the State University of New York Capital Funds for Construction of an Aquatic and Recreation Facility

If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: \$15,000,000

Are funds already budgeted? No

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO REQUEST FUNDS FROM THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK CAPITAL FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN AQUATIC AND RECREATION FACILITY

WHEREAS, in 2019 Sullivan County Community College completed a “Facilities Master Plan” for the Period of 2019-2029 which indicated significant benefits to the college and community would come from the construction of an aquatic facility on the college campus; and

WHEREAS, enrollment at SUNY Sullivan over the last several years has been stagnant and decreased during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Improved recreational facilities at SUNY Sullivan provide considerable opportunities for recruitment and retention of both local and out of county students; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Sullivan is committed to upgrading their recreational facilities as a means of improving campus life, enhancing curriculum offerings and supporting efforts at recruitment and retention of in county as well as out of county residents; and

WHEREAS, A state of the art facility such as this would help recruit and retain students at SUNY Sullivan, thus saving Sullivan County millions of dollars annually in the form of chargebacks to other counties where county residents enroll in Community colleges; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is now experiencing a crisis of our youth manifested in issues directly effecting the health, education and safety of our young residents and well as limited health recreational outlets for young and old alike; and

WHEREAS, Modern recreational facilities provide considerable opportunities to attract tourism through outside events; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is one of the few counties in the State of New York without a competition quality indoor aquatic facility; and

WHEREAS, NY Education Law 6310, Section 10 permits Sullivan County to apply for matching funds through SUNY for the New York State share of capital projects that are normally permitted within an approved capital construction budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature (“Legislature”) hereby adopts this resolution in support of Sullivan County Community College’s planned effort to construct a competition size indoor aquatic and recreation center on their campus and thereby agrees to appropriate up to \$15,000,000 in support of this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Legislature authorizes Sullivan County Community College to initiate a project request to SUNY for up to 50% of eligible costs up to \$30,000,000, and

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the facilities once constructed will be available for College programing as well as community programing for youth activities, interscholastic activities as well as regional events to attract increased visitors to our community and our college.