



**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. 120 OF 2024

SUPPORTING CONTINUED AND INCREASED STATE AID FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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 City of Beacon 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, the City of Beacon further 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Beacon is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Rob Rolison, Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

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<input type="checkbox"/> Amendments		<input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Required					
<input type="checkbox"/> On roll call		<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 Required					
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Paloma Wake	x				
		Amber Grant	x				
	x	Molly Rhodes	x				
		Jeffrey Domanski					x
x		Pam Wetherbee	x				
		Dan Aymar-Blair	x				
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou	x				
		Motion Carried	x				