

SCHENECTADY CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA

for
Monday, June 27, 2022
6:30 p.m.
Room 110

The Council President reserves the right to add or delete any agenda item prior to Committee Meeting.

Finance

- 1 2021 Audit Presentation
- 2 City of Schenectady Summer Youth Employment Program

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Garry R. McCarthy /
Damonna Farley

**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Finance

DATE: June 7, 2022

TO: City Council

FROM: Anthony Ferrari

Presentation to be done by: John Tafilowski June 21, 2022

SUBJECT: 2021 Audit Acceptance

TO BE PLACED ON COUNCIL AGENDA OF JUNE 21, 2022

Background Information:

The City is required to have an independent financial audit annually. The City engages the services of an independent auditor, currently Cusack & Company, to complete this audit which includes an audit of the City's financial statements as well as a Single Audit (OMB-133).

Evaluation/Analysis:

Cusack & Company has reviewed the financial reports produced by the City and has completed its independent audit, as described above, for the City's fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Recommendation:

I respectfully recommend that the City Council to view the presentation and accept the audit results and findings.

LEGISLATION WILL BE PREPARED BY Law Department



**CITY OF SCHENECTADY
LEGISLATION REQUEST FORM**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

DATE: June 27, 2022

TO: COUNCILMEMBERS

FROM: Mayor Gary McCarthy and Councilmember Damonni Farley

SUBJECT: Summer Youth Employment

Background Information:

Mayor Gary McCarthy and Councilmember Damonni Farley request the authorization of \$300,000 in ARPA funding for summer youth employment. This initiative would be done in conjunction with the Schenectady City School District.

Evaluation/Analysis:

If funding is authorized, the goal would be to hire 75 youth for six weeks during the months of July and August. The proposed timeline necessitates that the consideration of this request be expedited.

Recommendation:

The City Council authorize \$300,000 in ARPA funding for summer youth employment.

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February 9, 2022

Below are ideas collected from Schenectady High School students regarding potential projects for a summer employment opportunity during the summer of 2022.

Beautification / Painting Murals around the city:

- *Murals would be really fun!*
- *I think murals would be cool things to do around my school and some neighborhoods maybe and some performances from school orchestras.*
- *I would like to do inclusive and diverse murals that reflect our community!!!!*
- *Painting in locations to cover graffiti*
- *Creating a dedicated space for graffiti artists to show their work – “a living mural”*
- *Project around designing, decorating and deploying colorful garbage cans around the schools or city*
- *Creating signs for safety and information around the city, including crosswalks*
- *(several suggested:) Community Art Project With SHS Art Teacher Mr. Otitigbe / Mr. O*
- *Community Art Projects with Art Teacher Mr. Otitigbe "MR.O!" of SHS & Hamilton Hill Art Center*
- *Murals, School beautification, Cleanup, help with the greenhouse and plants and anything else needed to help the school and community I live in.*
- *Gardening, murals, and anything involving advocating for BLM*

Visual or Performing Art Projects:

- *More activities and opportunities to be expressive . (recreation center , city sports teams aside from higher school) and others*
- *Computer tech related work if possible*
- *Creating PSAs (public service announcement) videos to support COVID protocols, healthy habits, no smoking, anti-drugs, pro BLM, etc.*
- *Creating spaces for students to make videos and music and then performing for the public*
- *Website development to promote the city and schools*
- *Creating motivational posters to display in the schools and around the city.*

Clean-up Projects at School or in the City:

- *Cleaning up the sidewalks*
- *Plant trees, Clean up trash, help out with kids at the Boy's & Girls club, and volunteering*
- *Numerous courtyards at Schenectady high need cleaning, I would be interested in helping out with that.*
- *I would to do murals, clean up, school beautification, and take care of the plants in the greenhouse.*
- *I could do some yard work around the community*
- *Maybe we could do a full school clean-up: halls, classrooms, and maybe even bathrooms.*

Providing Support to Children or the Elderly:

- *Create and supporting sports camps or the summer enrichment program to help elementary school kids / tutoring opportunities*

- *Something that I always thought would be fun is teaching the students somehow about an opportunity that I discovered. I know that there are many young artists at SHS and there are ways they could start a small business selling their art like I did, even at 14 years old. It's called Print-On-Demand and it's an exciting way to get students interesting and engaged about their future.*
- *Encouraging healthy habits*
- *helping older people/ kids, or cleaning up*
- *Plant trees, Clean up trash, help out with kids at the Boy's & Girls club, and volunteering.*
- *Just thinking about it right now, maybe fundraisers for charity or for the homeless. I've always wanted to do a fundraiser for St. Jude's Hospital, so maybe also something like that in Schenectady.*
- *Food drive like giving canned foods and boxes to people who need them.*
- *Work with kids / art related or with kids*
- *Projects to help tutor students.*
- *camp love joy I used to go there then growing up I love working with kids.*