



COUNTY OF ALBANY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONSERVATION AND PLANNING

STAGE ACT COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, July 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM
111 Washington Ave, Suite 100, Albany, New York, 12210

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order/Roll Call | Kevin O'Connor |
| 2. Review of Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2025 | Kevin O'Connor |
| 3. STAGE Application | Kevin Catalano |
| a. Crane Stationary | |
| i. Crane – Review Checklist | |
| ii. SEAF Part I & II | |
| iii. (action) Resolution 2025-07-01 | |
| b. Atlas Copco Modification | Thomas Owens, Esq. |
| i. (action) Resolution 2025-07-02 | Kevin O'Connor |
| 4. Status of STAGE Program | |
| 5. Public Comment | Kevin O'Connor |
| 6. Adjournment | |

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ROLL CALL

Committee Member	Present / Excused / Absent
Dave Reilly , Albany County Commissioner of Management & Budget	
Susan Rizzo , Albany County Comptroller	
Hon. William Reinhardt , Chair of Conservation, Sustainability, & Green Initiatives Committee	
Hon. Gary Domalewicz , Chair of Economic Development Committee of Albany County Legislature	
Michael McLaughlin , Albany County Deputy Executive	

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**STAGE ACT COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 14, 2025, 11:00 am.
MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the STAGE Act Committee was held on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 111 Washington Ave, Suite 100, Albany, NY 12210. Members of the public were able to attend the meeting by attending in person. Additionally, the meeting was live-streamed on the publicly accessible Advance Albany County Alliance YouTube channel.

The following Committee Members were present at, and participated in, the meeting:

- Hon. Susan Rizzo, Albany County Comptroller
- David Reilly, Commissioner of the Division of Management & Budget
- Michael McLaughlin, Deputy County Executive (as designee of the County Executive)

Members excused:

- Hon. Gary Domalewicz, Albany County Legislature
- Hon. William Reinhardt, Albany County Legislature

Advance Albany County Alliance Local Development Corporation ("AACA") LDC Staff
Present:

- Kevin O'Connor, Director of Economic Development, Albany County and CEO
- Kevin Catalano, Senior Vice-President & Director of Commercial Lending
- Sara Paulsen, Executive Assistant
- Antionette Hedge, Economic Development Coordinator
- Thomas M. Owens, Esq., AACA Counsel

Also present at the meeting:

- None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am.

Roll Call

Roll was called, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

Review Meeting Minutes

Mr. O'Connor asked if the committee reviewed the minutes from December 11, 2024. There were no questions or amendments to the minutes; a motion was made by Ms. Rizzo to approve the December 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Riley and approved pursuant to a unanimous vote.

Applications

- 1. Philips Medical Systems MR, Inc.:** Philips Medical Systems MR, Inc. submitted an application requesting STAGE Grant funds to increase the utility infrastructure for higher capacity electric supply to be brought to their Albany County-based manufacturing and research facility. Without an electrical supply increase, Philips Medical will be constrained in their future growth plans. The project/application specifics include:

Applicant:	Philips Medical Systems MR, Inc.
Grant Funds Requested:	\$1,500,000
Project:	Increase utility infrastructure for higher capacity electric supply for the Applicant's Latham facility
Eligibility Category:	Industrial and Manufacturing Facility & Healthcare / Life sciences.
Jobs Created:	20 FT (1 skilled, 14 semi- skilled, 5 unskilled)
Jobs Retained:	120 jobs
Investment in County:	>\$15,510,00
Reviewing Criteria Score:	17 points (out of 22 max)
AACA Recommended Funding Level:	\$1,410,000

Resolution No. 2025-02-01

Following discussion of the specifics of the Philips Medical Systems MR, Inc. application, Resolution 2025-02-01, upon a motion made by Ms. Rizzo to approve, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin was approved pursuant to a unanimous vote.

- 2. NSH USA Corporation:** NSH USA Corp. submitted an application for the expansion of NSH USA Corporation's production facility at 55 Broadway, Menands, NY 12204, which specializes in the manufacturing of specialized and multifunction machines for railway, automotive, aerospace, and other industrial manufacturers. The project/application specifics include:

Applicant:	NSH USA Corporation
Grant Funds Requested:	\$908,000
Project:	New 18,000 state-of-the-art manufacturing facility at their Menands NY facility to house a 40 ton capacity overhead crane and lead to 15 additional job at the site.
Eligibility Category:	Industrial and Manufacturing Facility used to create parts and products for public and commercial rail transportation.

Jobs Created:	15
Jobs Retained:	122
Investment in County:	\$9,080,000 (does not include land acquisition and demolition of the structure previously on the site. Total project and investment will exceed \$15 million when complete)
Reviewing Criteria Score:	16 points (out of 22 max)
AACA Recommended Funding Level:	\$ 908,000

Resolution No. 2025-02-02

Following discussion of the specifics of the NSH USA Corp. application, Resolution 2025-02-02, upon a motion made by Mr. Reilly to approve, seconded by Ms. Rizzo was approved pursuant to a unanimous vote.

Application Updates

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

A motion made by Ms. Rizzo to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 am. seconded by Mr. Reilly and approved pursuant to a unanimous vote.



Albany County Sustainable Technology & Green Energy Grant Program Application

This Sustainable Technology & Green Energy Grant Program was developed pursuant to Albany County Local Law 1 for 2022 "ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY AND GREEN ENERGY ACT. The purpose of the STAGE Grant Program is to support the retention, expansion and attraction of clean energy industries in Albany County. Grants will be provided based on applicant need and project impact, including levels of investment and job creation. For more information about the STAGE Grant, including eligibility, grant amounts and the review process please visit <https://www.advancealbanycounty.com/support/stage-grant-program>. Submit completed form to [email address]. Attach additional project information as needed to support your application.

GRANT APPLICATION

Part I. Applicant

Business Name: Crane Stationary Telephone: 970-481-5785

Email Address: robert@crane.com

Address: 461 Saratoga Street City/State: Cohoes, New York Zip: 12047

Is this address your business headquarters: ☒ Yes ☐ No Year Established: 2024

Type of Business:

☐ Corporation ☐ S-Corp ☒ LLC ☐ Partnership ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Other

If other, explain: _____

Check all that apply:

☐ MWBE ☐ Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned ☐ Located in Opportunity Zone ☐ Located in Potential Environmental Justice Area

Tax Identification #: 99-3796025 NAICS Code: 322230

Part II. Ownership of Applicant Company

List all principals with 20% or more Ownership (if applicable)

Name/Title: Robert Buhler % Owned: 34.5%

Name/Title: _____ % Owned: _____

Name/Title: _____ % Owned: _____

Part III. Leadership

EO/President/Owner

Name: Robert Buhler Telephone: 970-481-5785

Email Address: robert@crane.com

CFO/Controller

Name: Susan Rivard Telephone: 413-822-7908

Email Address: srivard@crane.com

Part IV. Project Description

Please provide a detailed summary of the project for which you are requesting STAGE Grant support. Please attach additional project information as needed.

Crane Stationery is proud to announce the relocation of our corporate headquarters to 968

Albany Shaker Road in Latham, NY. This move marks a transformative step in our company's journey, allowing us to centralize our leadership, production, and innovation teams into a single, state-of-the-art facility designed for modern manufacturing. The new space will serve as the operational heart of Crane and has been purposefully selected to support greater efficiency, environmental responsibility, and long-term growth.

Our current building—a dimly lit, multi-floor structure—has limited productivity and morale due to its outdated layout and working conditions. In contrast, our new facility offers an open, single-floor layout optimized for streamlined workflows and reduced material handling, dramatically improving our operational efficiency. Equipped with energy-efficient HVAC systems, LED lighting, upgraded insulation, and abundant natural light, the new building will also significantly lower our energy consumption and utility costs, reducing our carbon footprint and reinforcing our commitment to sustainability.

As one of the few companies in the world to use 100% cotton paper—rather than traditional wood pulp—we already stand apart for our environmentally conscious practices. Cotton paper is made from textile industry byproducts, making it both renewable and tree-free. This sustainable approach, combined with our facility's energy-efficient infrastructure, positions Crane Stationery as a model for environmentally responsible American manufacturing.

With this move, we are not only investing in the future of our business, but also in our community, our people, and our planet. Crane's presence at 968 Albany Shaker Road will serve as a beacon of heritage craftsmanship, operational excellence, and forward-thinking sustainability in New York State.

Part V. Funding Request

Grant amounts will be determined based on project need and impact and are made at the discretion of the Alliance and County. Grant amounts will be capped based on job creation and retention commitments as follows:

- Grants in an amount up to \$250,000 may be provided for projects that generate or retain fewer than 50 FTE jobs in a five-year period.
- Grants in an amount up to \$1 million may be provided for projects that generate or retain between 50 and 200 FTE jobs in a five-year period.
- Grants in an amount up to \$3 million may be provided for projects that generate or retain more than 200 FTE jobs in a five-year period.

Grant Amount Requested*: \$54,400.00 Total Cost of Project: \$ 598,400.00 Would this project proceed in

Albany County without a STAGE Grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you considering other locations for this project outside of Albany County? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe why grant funding is needed to advance this project and what grant funds will support:

The funding will be used to help us reach our goals of moving into a much more sustainable building, improving our

efficiencies and improving company morale. We will directly be using the funds to pay for improving our

facility, moving expenses and purchasing new equipment.

*Applicants will be asked to complete Economic Impact Studies for awards greater than \$500,000.

STAGE Grants are primarily reimbursement based. Is any upfront funding necessary to advance this project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain why: _____

Part VI. Alignment with County Priorities

Please describe how the project aligns with the [Albany County Strategic Economic Development Report](#) and/or the [STAGE Act](#):

Crane Stationery is proud to support Albany County through our commitment to sustainable,

environmentally responsible production. By exclusively using 100% cotton paper—a renewable byproduct

of the textile industry rather than tree-based pulp—we help reduce deforestation and lower the region's

carbon footprint. Our new facility in Latham furthers this mission with energy-efficient infrastructure,

reduced waste, and modern equipment designed for minimal environmental impact. As a manufacturer

rooted in craftsmanship and sustainability, we are dedicated to contributing to a cleaner, greener Albany

and those of the community we're proud to call home.

Part VII. Green Technology

Choose the sector(s) that your project supports:

- ☐ Clean Energy Generation/Transmission
- ☐ Clean Transportation
- ☐ Clean Energy Storage
- ☒ Sustainable Agriculture
- ☐ Energy Efficiency
- ☐ Other, please describe: _____

Describe how your company/project produces or supplies equipment or technology that benefits the environment, conserves natural resources, or reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

By exclusively using 100% cotton paper—made from textile byproducts rather than wood pulp—Crane

Stationery helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions by preserving forests that would otherwise be

harvested for paper production. Trees naturally absorb carbon dioxide, so maintaining forest cover is

critical to combating climate change. Our commitment to tree-free paper not only aligns with global

sustainability goals, but also directly benefits Albany County by supporting cleaner air, a healthier local

cosystem, and a more environmentally responsible manufacturing footprint within the region.

Part VII. Project Timeline and Approvals

Please provide the estimated project timeline for all applicable major steps:

Design Start Date: Jan 2025
Permitting Start Date: N/A
Construction Start Date: N/A
Construction End Date: July 2025

Certificate of Occupancy: 80
Equipment Order Placed: N/A
Equipment Installed: N/A
Other: _____

List all approvals/permits that the project has received to date:

1. Town of Colonie - Zoning application from building and fire department (approved)

2. Planning and Economic Development Department (approved)

List all outstanding approvals/permits:

Certificate of Occupancy

Part IX. Employment

Number of Current Employees Total: 65 Number of Current Employees in Albany County: 50

PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

Please provide estimates of total construction jobs and the total annual wages and benefits of construction jobs at the Project:

Year	Number of Construction Jobs	Total Annual Wages and Benefits
Current Year		\$
Year 1		\$
Year 2		\$
Year 3		\$
Year 4		\$
Year 5		\$

PROJECTED PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

Please provide estimates of total number of existing permanent jobs to be preserved or retained as a result of the Project:

Year	Professional	Skilled	Semi-Skilled	Unskilled
Current Year	21	33	10	1
Year 1	21	33	10	1
Year 2	21	33	10	1
Year 3	21	33	10	1
Year 4	21	33	10	1
Year 5				

Please provide estimates of total new permanent jobs to be created as a result of the Project:

Year	Professional	Skilled	Semi-Skilled	Unskilled
Current Year	1	2	0	0
Year 1	3	6	1	0
Year 2	6	10	2	0
Year 3	8	16	2	0
Year 4	11	22	3	1
Year 5	13	28	7	3

Provide the projected percentage of employment that would be filled by Albany County residents: 75%

Provide a brief description of how the project expects to meet this percentage: Company is expanding by moving into a larger facility.

Company will be expanding the business with additional infrastructure.

Part X. Sources and Uses

Purpose	Amount
A. Land-Related Costs Total	
1. Land acquisition	
2. Site preparation	
3. Landscaping	
4. Utilities and infrastructure development	
5. Access roads and parking development	
6. Other land-related costs (describe) _____	
B. Building-Related Costs	
1. Acquisition of existing structures	
2. Renovation of existing structures	\$ 95,525.00
3. New construction costs	
4. Electrical systems	\$ 100,000.0
5. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning	
6. Plumbing	\$ 50,000.00
7. Other building-related costs (describe) <u>Signage and Misc Renovations</u>	\$ 29,000.00
C. Machinery and Equipment Costs Total	
1. Production and process equipment	
2. Packaging equipment	
3. Warehousing equipment	\$ 40,000.00
4. Installation costs for various equipment	
5. Other equipment-related costs (describe) <u>Moving of Machinery and Machinery Maintenance & Repairs</u>	\$ 197,300.0
D. Furniture and Fixture Costs Total	
1. Office furniture	\$ 42,134.00
2. Office equipment	
3. Computers	
4. Other furniture-related costs (describe)	
E. Professional Service Costs Total	
1. Architecture and engineering	
2. Other service-related costs (describe) _____	
F. Other Costs Total	
1.	
2. Total USES for this Project	\$ 553,959.0
G. Sources of Funds	
1. Federal	
2. State	
3. Local	
4. Equity	\$ 553,959.0
6. Bank	
7. Other	
Total	\$ 553,959.0

Part XI. Detail any Litigation Pending:

Are you and/or your business current on all tax obligations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, explain: _____

Are you and/or your business delinquent in the payment of any loans or any other credit obligations? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain: _____

Have you and/or your business been declared in default on any loans or any other credit obligations? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain: _____

Have you and/or your business ever filed for bankruptcy? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain: _____

Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you or your business? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain: _____

Are you and/or your business a party to any threatened or pending lawsuits or other legal claims? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain: _____

Part XII. Other Matters

Are you or any owner of your business a candidate for public office, a public official or an immediate family member of such an official, or a business entity formed by or for the benefit of any public official? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain: _____

Are you or any owner an employee of the County of Albany or any affiliated entity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain: _____

Does your business involve the use, production, transportation or storage of hazardous materials other than the usual manufacturing supplies?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, explain: _____

Part XIII. Certifications:

Applicant entity must be in substantial compliance with all federal, state, and local worker protection and environmental laws and regulations, as applicable, and may not be in arrears regarding its federal, state, or local tax obligations; provided, however, in the case of a tax certiorari proceeding, a business entity would not be considered in arrears until a final decision is made with respect to such proceeding.

I/We authorize the Advance Albany County Alliance LDC ("AACALDC") to contact references, obtain credit reports and make any other inquiries as AACALDC deems necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements made and to determine my/our worthiness for the Grant. I/We certify to the AACALDC that I/we have included all relevant information in response to the questions contained in this application and that all information disclosed in this application, or any accompanying statements is true, complete, and accurate.


I/We acknowledge that the AACALDC will rely upon the accuracy of the content of this application and any accompanying statements in deciding to provide Grant funds or to accept a guaranty thereof, and that this application is not a commitment on the part of AACALDC to offer a Grant.

I/We further promise that the proceeds of this Grant will be used solely for the purposes outlined above and will not be used for personal, family, household, or other business purposes.

I/We understand that AACALDC will retain this application whether or not it is approved.

I/We understand that this application will be considered a public record and may be subject to public access in full or in part pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL"), Article 6 (Sections §84- §90) of the NYS Public Officers Law.

I/We understand that grant funds provided by the AACALDC will be subject to the Alliance's Recapture Benefits Policy.



Signature

CEO

Title

Robert Buhler

Print Name

5/19/25

Date

Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

Advance Albany County Alliance LDC
Sustainable Technology and Green Energy Grant Review Checklist

OVERVIEW

1. **Applicant Name:** Crane Stationary
 2. **Grant Funds Requested:** \$54,400
 3. **Project Description:** Crane Stationary is relocating from the Mohawk Paper campus in Cohoes to Latham for expansion and more efficient operations. Crane sells only 100% cotton paper which is less than 2% of total paper production worldwide and is considered renewable.
 4. **Eligibility Category:** Industrial and Manufacturing Facility
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PROJECT ECONOMIC IMPACT

1. **Jobs Created:** 51
 2. **Jobs Retained:** 63
 3. **Total Investment in Albany County:** \$544,000 to move to the new location, the plan to invest more overtime on additional machinery and equipment.
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ELIGIBILITY

- Yes ☒ No ☐ The Applicant is a for-profit business that produces goods or provides services that benefit the environment, conserve resources, and/or reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Yes ☒ No ☐ The Applicant is in substantial compliance with all federal, state and local worker protection and environmental laws and regulations.
- Yes ☒ No ☐ The Applicant is current on all federal, state, and local tax obligations related to their business operations and ownership.
- Yes ☒ No ☐ Project Demonstrates 10:1 non-county match.

ELIGIBLE USES: (check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture and Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure and Site Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate Acquisition | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Machinery and Equipment Acquisition |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction and Renovation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Furniture and Fixtures |

SCORING MATRIX

Projects must receive a score of at least 15 points before they are eligible for grants through the STAGE Grant Program:

Criteria	Score 1 - 5	Notes
Consistent with County Economic Development Strategy	5	Crane is a 224-year-old paper company, started in Pittsfield MA, they moved to Albany County in 2018 when Crane Stationary was purchased by Mohawk Paper, they are a manufacturer utilizing highly skilled craftsman to make their stationary cards
Job Creation and Retention	3	Combined the project will retain the 63 current employees and the new ownership of Crane expects to add a minimum of 51 new employees 5 years after project is completed
Level of Investment	2	The first level of investment in Albany County is \$544,000. Crane expects to spend hundreds of thousands more on equipment and presses over time
Project Viability	5	Crane Stationary is a highly sought after brand and prospects for long-term success are strong.
MWBE/OZ/PEJA/SDVOB* (up to 2)	0	
Total Score	15	The project meets the minimum score of 15.

ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS (Completed by: _____)

Based on the monetary amount of the grant, no economic impact statement has been prepared for this opportunity.


RECOMMENDATION

Maximum eligible award based on economic impact:

Grants in the amount up to \$1,000,000 may be provided for projects that generate or retain between 50 and 200 FTE jobs in a five-year period.

Recommended funding amount: \$54,400

NAME **Kevin Catalano – Senior Vice-President**

SIGNATURE:  **DATE: 11/15/2023**

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information				
Name of Action or Project:				
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):				
Brief Description of Proposed Action:				
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:			Telephone:	
			E-Mail:	
Address:				
City/PO:		State:	Zip Code:	
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation?			NO	YES
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency?			NO	YES
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned _____ acres or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?				
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Parkland</div>				

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?	NO	YES	
If Yes, identify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?	NO	YES	
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?	NO	YES	
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____ _____ _____			

Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept “Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?”

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?		
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?		
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?		
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?		
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?		
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?		
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?		
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?		
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?		
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?		
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?		
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?		

Project:

Date:

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered “moderate to large impact may occur”, or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-01
OF THE
ALBANY COUNTY STAGE ACT COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the STAGE ACT Committee (“STAGE Committee”) was convened in public session at the offices of Advance Albany County Alliance Local Development Corporation located at 111 Washington Avenue (Suite 100), Albany, New York, 12210 on Wednesday, July 11, 2025 at 10:00am.

The meeting was convened by the Director of the Albany County Department of Economic Development on not less than 72 hours’ notice, with the following STAGE Committee members present:

1. Commissioner of the Division of Management and Budget Dave Reilly (or Designee);
2. Albany County Comptroller Susan Rizzo (or Designee);
3. Albany County Executive (or Designee;
4. Chairperson of the Conservation, Sustainability & Green Initiatives Committee of the Albany County Legislature; and
5. Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee of the Albany County Legislature.

The STAGE Committee meeting was convened pursuant to and in accordance with the Sustainable Technology and Green Energy Plan (“STAGE Plan”) for the Committee to review, evaluate, consider for approval certain economic development projects and if approved, determine funding amounts for such approved economic development projects all in accordance with the STAGE Plan.

Other individuals present included:

1. Kevin O’Connor, Advance Albany County Alliance LDC (“AACA”) CEO
2. Kevin Catalano, AACA VP
3. INSERT OTHERS

The following resolution was offered by Committee Member _____, seconded by Committee Member _____, and voted on by the Committee:

Resolution No. 2025-07-01

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AND DETERMINING FUNDING FOR AN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY
DECREE-CRANE SPECIAL PAPERS NA, LLC (CRANE STATIONARY)
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND PURSUANT TO THE STAGE PLAN*

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2022 the Albany County Legislature enacted Local Law 1 for 2022 “ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY AND GREEN ENERGY ACT (STAGE ACT)”; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the Albany County Legislative contained within the STAGE ACT include:

- In 2019, the State of New York enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (“CLCPA”), thereby creating one of the most ambitious and comprehensive climate and energy laws in the country. The CLCPA calls for nothing less than the decarbonization of the NYS economy and calls on each and every municipality in the state to collaboratively work to significantly increase the green energy business infrastructure in their municipalities to the greatest extent possible. New York has set aggressive goals through the CLCPA, and has established a target of reaching a point where no less than 70% of the state’s electricity consumption will be derived from renewable power generation by the year 2030; and
- Local municipalities are uniquely situated to address the climate goals noted in the CLCPA through local economic development efforts, which prioritize the shift towards clean renewable energy systems and green business that will fuel our economy in the next century. Through collaborative efforts amongst neighboring municipalities, and local economic development agencies, Albany County intends to provide the resources through which business can find a partner in the fight for a healthier environment that brings long term job investment and employment to our community; and
- As national, state, and local governments emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for an economy driven by green economic development has become more apparent than ever. Only through sustainable investment in long-term clean energy businesses can we hope to stem the tide of decades of environmental devastation brought on by a much prolonged dependence on petroleum-based economies. The County Albany County Legislature determines that the County of Albany and its arms of municipal government can act as a promoter of this type of economic development and intends to commit significant resources to the development of green economic development projects across the County; and

WHEREAS, the stated intention of the Albany County Legislature in the STAGE ACT is “to establish a Sustainable Technology and Green Energy Plan, which will invigorate and diversify the green business industry in the County of Albany for years to come and contribute to significant economic development, job retention, and development”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to, and in accordance with the STAGE ACT, the Sustainable Technology & Green Energy Plan Rules and Regulations (“STAGE Plan”) was developed to: (1) address the climate protection goals codified by CLCPA; and (2) address the dual goals of creating economic opportunity and jobs for the residents of Albany County while decarbonizing the economy; and (3) further support Albany County’s Economic Development Strategy commissioned in 2019; and

WHEREAS, as part of the STAGE Plan, Advance Albany County Alliance Local Development Corporation (“AACA”) was identified by Albany County to administer and

manage a grant program (“STAGE Act Grant Program”) with funds from Albany County to foster the development of green businesses in Albany County; and

WHEREAS, as part of administering the STAGE Act Grant Program, AACA has developed and promulgated an application which can be completed/submitted by eligible green business applicants to AACA for review and potential approval by the AACA Board, and if such applications are approved by the AACA Board, such AACA approved applications are forwarded to the STAGE Committee for final review, approval and funding determination; and

WHEREAS, an application (the “Application”, attached hereto as Exhibit 1) was submitted to AACA by Decree-Crane Special Papers NA, LLC, and following AACA’s review of the applicant, Application, and the applicant’s project (“Project”) against the STAGE Plan’s eligibility requirements, the projected economic impact of such Project, eligible uses of STAGE Act Grant Program funds and the STAGE Plan’s awarding criteria, the AACA Board has approved the Application/Project be advanced to the STAGE Act Committee for final review, approval and funding determination:

1. Applicant:	Decree-Crane Special Papers NA, LLC (Crane Stationary)
Grant Funds Requested:	\$54,400
Project:	Relocate to, and outfit, an existing building for the Applicant’s corporate headquarters, including its manufacturing operations
Eligibility Category:	Industrial and Manufacturing; Commercial Facilities Facility
Jobs Created:	51 jobs (13 professional, 28 skilled, 7 semi-skilled, 3 unskilled)
Jobs Retained:	65 jobs (21 professional, 33 skilled, 10 semi-skilled, 1 unskilled)
Investment in County:	≥\$598,400
Reviewing Criteria Score:	15 points (out of 22 max)
Recommended Funding Level:	\$54,400

WHEREAS, AACA recommends that the STAGE Committee approve and award STAGE Act Grant Program funding for the Project at the “AACA Recommended Funding Level” identified above; and

WHEREAS, the STAGE Committee has received a presentation from the AACA CEO on (1) the eligibility of the applicant and the Project under the STAGE Plan; (2) AACA’s evaluation of the Project against the STAGE Plan’s scoring criteria (attached hereto as Exhibit 2)); and (3) AACA’s recommended funding level for the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “SEQR Act”) and

the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the “Regulations” and collectively with the SEQR Act, “SEQRA”), it appears that the Project constitutes a Type II action under SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MEMBERS OF THE STAGE COMMITTEE:

SEQRA DETERMINATION

(1) Based upon an examination of the Application and Project, the STAGE Committee hereby makes the following determinations: (A) The Project constitutes a “Type II action” pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2), (18) and/or (31), and therefore that, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.6(a)(1)(i), the STAGE Committee has no further responsibilities under SEQRA with respect to the Project.

STAGE PLAN PROJECT APPROVAL AND FUNDING DETERMINATION

(1) The STAGE Committee approves the Project.

(2) Based on the Project’s demonstrated ability to show deliverables on job creation/retention, level of investment, project viability, and consistency with the County Economic Development Priorities, the STAGE Committee determines that \$54,400 of the STAGE Act funding authorized in the Albany County Budget be awarded to the applicant for the Project pursuant to and in accordance with the STAGE Plan, with such STAGE Act Grant Program funding to be administered by AACA in accordance with and pursuant to the STAGE Plan.

Dated: July 11, 2025

Motion made by:

Seconded by:

Voting Results

Committee Member	Vote (Yes/No)
Commissioner of the Division of Management and Budget (or Designee)	
Albany County Comptroller (or Designee)	
Albany County Executive (or Designee)	
Chairperson of the Conservation, Sustainability & Green Initiatives Committee of the Albany County Legislature	
Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee of the Albany County Legislature	

**RESOLUTION 2025-07-02
OF THE
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Other individuals present included:

1. Kevin O’Connor, Advance Albany County Alliance LDC (“AACA”) CEO
2. Kevin Catalano, AACA VP
3. INSERT OTHERS

The following resolution was offered by Committee Member _____, seconded by Committee Member _____, and voted on by the Committee:

Resolution No. 2025-07-02

*RESOLUTION APPROVING AND DETERMINING AN AMENDED FUNDING
FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY
ALTAS COPCO COMPTREC, LLC IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND PURSUANT TO THE
STAGE PLAN*

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2022 the Albany County Legislature enacted Local Law 1 for 2022 “ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY AND GREEN ENERGY ACT (STAGE ACT)”; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the Albany County Legislative contained within the STAGE ACT include:

- In 2019, the State of New York enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (“CLCPA”), thereby creating one of the most ambitious and comprehensive climate and energy laws in the country. The CLCPA calls for nothing less than the decarbonization of the NYS economy and calls on each and every municipality in the state to collaboratively work to significantly increase the green energy business infrastructure in their municipalities to the greatest extent possible. New York has set aggressive goals through the CLCPA, and has established a target of reaching a point where no less than 70% of the state’s electricity consumption will be derived from renewable power generation by the year 2030; and
- Local municipalities are uniquely situated to address the climate goals noted in the CLCPA through local economic development efforts, which prioritize the shift towards clean renewable energy systems and green business that will fuel our economy in the next century. Through collaborative efforts amongst neighboring municipalities, and local economic development agencies, Albany County intends to provide the resources through which business can find a partner in the fight for a healthier environment that brings long term job investment and employment to our community; and
- As national, state, and local governments emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for an economy driven by green economic development has become more apparent than ever. Only through sustainable investment in long-term clean energy businesses can we hope to stem the tide of decades of environmental devastation brought on by a much prolonged dependence on petroleum-based economies. The County Albany County Legislature determines that the County of Albany and its arms of municipal government can act as a promoter of this type of economic development and intends to commit significant resources to the development of green economic development projects across the County; and

WHEREAS, the stated intention of the Albany County Legislature in the STAGE ACT is “to establish a Sustainable Technology and Green Energy Plan, which will invigorate and diversify the green business industry in the County of Albany for years to come and contribute to significant economic development, job retention, and development”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to, and in accordance with the STAGE ACT, the Sustainable Technology & Green Energy Plan Rules and Regulations (“STAGE Plan”) was developed to: (1) address the climate protection goals codified by CLCPA; and (2) address the dual goals of creating economic opportunity and jobs for the residents of Albany County while decarbonizing the economy; and (3) further support Albany County’s Economic Development Strategy commissioned in 2019; and

WHEREAS, as part of the STAGE Plan, Advance Albany County Alliance Local Development Corporation (“AACA”) was identified by Albany County to administer and

manage a grant program (“STAGE Act Grant Program”) with funds from Albany County to foster the development of green businesses in Albany County; and

WHEREAS, as part of administering the STAGE Act Grant Program, AACA has developed and promulgated an application which can be completed/submitted by eligible green business applicants to AACA for review and potential approval by the AACA Board, and if such applications are approved by the AACA Board, such AACA approved applications are forwarded to the STAGE Committee for final review, approval and funding determination; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to STAGE Committee Resolution 2024-09-01 unanimously approved by the STAGE Committee on September 26, 2024, STAGE Act Grant Program funding in the amount of \$500,000 was authorized to be provided to Atlas Copco Comptec, LLC for a \$40,000,000 project consisting of the renovation of an existing approx. 106K sq. ft. Facility & construction of a new approx. 51K sq. ft. Facility and related equipment for the manufacture of integrally geared centrifugal compressors to support carbon dioxide capture and storage at their plant in Voorheesville (“Original Project”) as detailed in Resolution 2024-09-01:

1. Applicant:	Atlas Copco Comptec, LLC
Grant Funds Requested:	\$1,000,000
Project:	Renovation of an existing approx. 106K sq. ft. Facility & construction of a new approx. 51K sq. ft. Facility and related equipment to manufacture of integrally geared centrifugal compressors for carbon dioxide capture and storage
Eligibility Category:	Industrial & Manufacturing Facilities
Jobs Created:	55 jobs (27 professional, 23 skilled, 5 semi-skilled over 5 year Period)
Jobs Retained:	35 jobs (27 professional, 7 skilled, 1 semi-skilled)
Investment in County:	\$40,000,000
Reviewing Criteria Score:	17 points (out of 22 max)
Funding Level:	\$500,000

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “SEQR Act”) and the regulations (the “Regulations”) adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, “SEQRA”), the STAGE Committee pursuant to Resolution 2024-09-0, the STAGE Committee (A) concurred in the determination that the Village of Voorheesville (the “Village”) is the “lead agency” with respect to the Project and (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Village issued on July 30, 2024 (the “Negative Declaration”), in which the Village determined that the Original Project was a “Type 1” action (as

such quoted term is defined in SEQRA) but that the Original Project constitutes an action which would not have a significant impact on the environment and, therefore, did not require preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement;

WHEREAS, the Applicant has informed the STAGE Committee that the Original Project has been modified in the following manner: (i) acquisition and installation of Solar Panels is being delayed resulting in an approx. \$2 million reduction); (ii) equipment budget is reduced from approx. \$11.1 million to \$7.715 million largely due to a reduction in overhead cranes without affecting the ability to move their large compressors thru the manufacturing process; and (iii) not updating the office spaces resulting in an approximate \$2 million reduction (total Original Project investment being reduced by approximately \$7.385 million) (hereinafter the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the STAGE Committee based on the its present review of the Project and determination that the Project, as modified, is simply a reduction from the Original Project hereby confirms its determinations related to SEQRA adopted by the STAGE Committee pursuant to Resolution 2024-09-01 remain valid and no additional SEQRA determinations are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant remains committed to the same number of jobs created and retained in the Project as in the Original Project, and the Project comprises substantially the same “Green Business” attributes under the STAGE Rules and Regulations as the Original Project including but limited to the size of the facility’s high bay expansion, and has been scored against Program Criteria with a score of 17; and

WHEREAS, the STAGE Committee, after considering the Project as compared to the Original Project, now wishes to modify the amount of STAGE Grant Funds awarded;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MEMBERS OF THE STAGE COMMITTEE:

STAGE PLAN PROJECT APPROVAL AND FUNDING DETERMINATION

(1) The STAGE Committee approves the Project, as modified from the Original Project.

(2) Based on the Project’s demonstrated ability to show deliverables on job creation/retention, level of investment, project viability, and consistency with the County Economic Development Priorities, the STAGE Committee determines that \$475,000 of the STAGE Act funding authorized in the Albany County Budget be awarded to the applicant for the Project pursuant to and in accordance with the STAGE Plan, with such STAGE Act Grant Program funding to be administered by AACA in accordance with and pursuant to the STAGE Plan.

Dated: July 11, 2025

Motion made by:

Seconded by:

Voting Results

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