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Monroe County Purchasing and Central Services 39 West Main Street Room 200 Rochester, NY 14614

To ARPA – RFP Coordinator,

We are writing to express our support for Trillium Health Inc.'s application for the Monroe County American Rescue Plan Act funding opportunity.

This funding will support Trillium Health's expansion of its existing food cupboard operation to include a holistic model of care that addresses food insecurity and as a portal to address social determinants of health with providing individuals with linkage to healthcare and supportive services. Key components of this program will include increasing access to care (physical and social) through TH's Food Cupboard, HIV/STI and HepC testing and Harm Reduction services.

The goal of this partnership between FTAC and Trillium Health to strengthen the N. Clinton neighborhood by addressing the basic human needs of the people who live here. This vital work is done through outreach, linkage to care, COVID-19 vaccine and treatment, behavioral health services and primary and sexual healthcare provided on TH's Mobile Access Clinic, located on site at FTAC.

FTAC understands the importance of addressing the social determinates of health, behavioral wellness and physical health and fully supports Trillium Health's efforts to increase public health by addressing food insecurity and expanding access to healthcare among our most vulnerable populations.

FTAC is committed to continuing our collaborative work with Trillium Health and look forward to working with them with the addition of this important funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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