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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the United States Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the United States Treasury, in the amount of \$144,080,127, for the payment of expenses to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) amended Title VI of the Social Security Act to add section 603, establishing the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The ARPA provides financial resources to address pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, more equitable economy as the country recovers. The grant may be used by Monroe County to respond to the Coronavirus public health emergency and to its negative economic impacts during the covered period March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2026.

The specific legislative actions required are to:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$144,080,127 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the United States Treasury, for payment of expenses needed to respond to the Coronavirus public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, for the period March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2026.
2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Finance by appropriating the sum of \$144,080,127 into general fund 9001, funds center 1209070101, Local Recovery Fund.
3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
4. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law, and when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an "Action," as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR § 617.2(b), and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by United States Treasury. No net County support is required in the Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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