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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 Department of the Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the United States Department of the Treasury ("Treasury"), in the amount of \$22,050,597.30, for the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) program, for the period of March 11, 2021 through September 30, 2025.

The American Rescue Plan Act, signed into law on March 11, 2021, allocated \$21.55 billion in funding to states and local governments for emergency rental assistance to individuals economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding can cover up to fifteen months' rent and utilities arrears, and up to three months future rent and utilities where ongoing housing stability is at risk. Eligible households must attest to financial impacts due to COVID and document monthly income at or below 80% AMI, and the funds must be prioritized for households at or below 50% AMI and/or unemployed for at least 90 days.

The Treasury awarded to Monroe County both the County-designated allocation of \$12,581,531.70 and the City-designated allocation of \$9,469,065.60 for a combined ERA2 award of \$22,050,597.30. Earlier this year, Your Honorable Body accepted Emergency Rental Assistance 1 (ERA1) funding of \$15,900,965.70 and entered into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester to accept their \$6,101,213.50 designated funding. With the initial ERA1 award, the County established the Monroe County Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0 program. Combined, this ERA2 award will bring the total funding available to the Monroe County Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0 program to \$44,052,776.50.

The specific legislative actions required are to:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$22,050,597.30 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the United States Department of the Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 program for the period of March 11, 2021 through September 30, 2025.

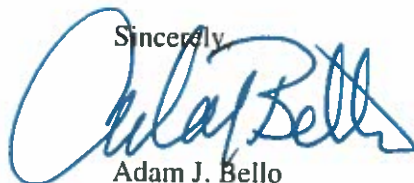
2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Finance by appropriating the sum of \$22,050,597.30 into general fund 9001, funds center 1209070200, Emergency Rental Assistance.
3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant 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.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to §6 NYCRR 617.5(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by the United States Department of the 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