



Monroe County Legislature

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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, New York 14614

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Committee Assignment	
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RE: Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreements with the City of Rochester, Towns of Brighton, Chili, Clarkson, Gates, Greece, Hamlin, Henrietta, Irondequoit, Mendon, Ogden, Parma, Penfield, Perinton, Pittsford, Riga, Rush, Sweden, Webster, and Wheatland, Town/Village of East Rochester, Villages of Brockport, Churchville, Fairport, Hilton, Honeoye Falls, Pittsford, Scottsville, Spencerport, and Webster, Local School Districts, and Local Fire Districts for Reimbursement of COVID-19 Related Expenses in Accordance with the CARES Act

Honorable Legislators:

From the onset, the local response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been community-based, with all levels of government working together to best protect the community. Many municipalities, school districts, and fire districts have gone beyond expectations to safely serve residents – often at an increased cost.

Last month, this Honorable Body accepted \$129,433,144.90 in grant funding from the United States Treasury for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. None of the local government units within Monroe County were eligible to receive these funds as they do not meet the 500,000 population minimum.

In the Treasury Department released Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions, updated as of May 4, 2020, it states the following:

"A county may transfer funds to a city, town, or school district within the county and a county or city may transfer funds to its State, provided that the transfer qualifies as a necessary expenditure incurred due to the public health emergency and meets the other criteria of section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance."

Based upon this updated guidance and conversations with local elected leaders, we believe that many local Towns, Villages, School Districts, Fire Districts, and the City of Rochester have incurred expenses eligible for reimbursement in accordance with the above-referenced guidance.

The specific legislative actions required are to:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute intermunicipal agreements with the City of Rochester, Towns of Brighton, Chili, Clarkson, Gates, Greece, Hamlin, Henrietta, Irondequoit, Mendon, Ogden, Parma, Penfield, Perinton, Pittsford, Riga, Rush, Sweden, Webster, and Wheatland, Town/Village of East Rochester, and Villages of Brockport, Churchville, Fairport, Hilton, Honeoye Falls, Pittsford, Scottsville, Spencerport, and Webster, local School Districts, and local Fire Districts for reimbursement of necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency that meet the criteria of section 601(d) of the Social Security Act COVID-related expenses in accordance with the CARES ACT, for the period March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.
2. Require the County Executive, or his designee, to provide the Clerk of the County Legislature a copy of any agreement authorized under this action, within three days of the execution of such agreement.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Review Act.

Funding for these agreements is included in the 2020 amended operating budget, general fund 9001, funds center 1209070100, State of Emergency.

Sincerely,



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