

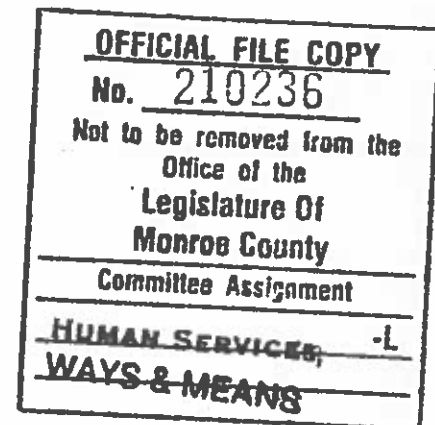


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

June 4, 2021



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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from Health Research, Inc. for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from Health Research, Inc. in the amount of \$1,298,685 for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The purpose of this grant is to assist local health departments to develop emergency-ready public health departments in accordance with the National Preparedness Goals and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Preparedness Goals. Program objectives are: continued COVID-19 response support, enhanced public health emergency preparedness including training, planning, equipment acquisition and response readiness; enhanced point of dispensing clinic readiness to include bioterrorism response (e.g. anthrax); expansion of a volunteer medical reserve corps; enhanced communicable disease planning (e.g. pandemic influenza); and enhanced disease surveillance. An additional \$1,000,000 in restricted New York State Department of Health emergency placeholder funding is included. This funding could be made available in the event an actual public health emergency occurs during the grant period. This will be the twentieth year the County has received this grant. If the \$1,000,000 in restricted New York State Department of Health emergency placeholder funding is received, this year's funding represents an increase of \$802,825 from last year.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$298,685 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, Health Research, Inc. for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Public Health by appropriating the sum of \$298,685 into general fund 9300, funds center 5801090000, Public Health Preparedness.
3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to appropriate up to \$1,000,000 in additional restricted New York State Department of Health emergency placeholder funding upon approval by New York State.
4. 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 grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.

5. 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(c)(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 Health Research, Inc. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

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

Sincerely,


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Monroe County Executive

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