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Monroe County, New York

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

Subject: Authorize Second Round Distribution of Grant Contracts and Appropriation Transfers Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a second round of grant contracts with the agencies listed in Attachment A in a total amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") for terms to commence on or after January 1, 2024 and terminate on or before December 31, 2026, and to authorize appropriation transfers.

ARPA was signed into law on March 11, 2021. ARPA allocated \$1.9 trillion in emergency relief and recovery, of which \$350 billion was designated to support state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. Monroe County is the recipient of \$144,080,127 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through ARPA.

On December 13, 2022, Your Honorable Body approved Resolution 342 of 2022 to Authorize Grant Contracts and Appropriation Transfers Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act, approving the allocation of approximately \$99,956,551 of ARPA funds.

Throughout the planning and development of the Bring Monroe Back vision, the County worked to strengthen relationships and identify potential areas to increase beneficial impact in the community. Because of this collective work, the County has \$5,000,000 to reallocate through a second distribution from the original American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities Request for Proposals released to the public on June 3, 2022. The funding to support this second allocation is due to the support and contributions made by ESL Federal Credit Union, Farash Foundation, Greater Rochester Health Foundation, and the Monroe County Office for the Aging.

One hundred eighty one (181) proposals were submitted for consideration in July 2022 and 40 applications were selected for the first round of ARPA funding. The second round of allocations will distribute \$5,000,000 to three additional applicants and \$500,000 to the Department of Finance to support the continued administration and evaluation of the ARPA spending.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute grant contracts, and any amendments thereto, with the agencies listed in Attachment A in a total amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for terms to commence on or after January 1, 2024 and terminate on or before December 31, 2026.

2. Authorize appropriation transfers in the amount of \$2,777,777 from the Monroe County Legislature, general fund 9301, funds center 1001030000, Local Recovery Fund, to the following funds centers in the Department of Finance, general fund 9301:

Funds center 1403930101 ARPA-Economic Development, in the amount of \$2,277,777
Funds center 1403930102 ARPA-General Government, in the amount of \$500,000

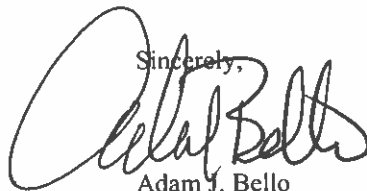
3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of these funds, any returned contractor funds, or any deferred revenue, in accordance with the grant terms, to appropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.
4. Should funding of these programs be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program(s) and where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program(s). Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with the New York State Civil Service Law, and when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

The grant contracts and appropriation transfers pursuant to ARPA Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(1) ("maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility"); (2) ("replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part"); (21) ("minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment"); (26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment"); (27) ("conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action"); and (31) ("purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for these grant contracts will be included in the 2023 operating budget of the Department of Finance once the appropriation transfers are authorized. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

Each of these contractors has been reviewed for not-for-profit corporate status and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that none of these agencies owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

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

LIST OF AWARDEES - Round 2 - August 2023

	Company Name	Project Name	Award Amount
29	L. Woerner, Inc. dba HCR Home Care	Overcoming Healthcare Delivery Disparities Among African American Senior Citizens in the Greater Rochester Area	\$ 703,592.00
30	Compeer Rochester, Inc.	CompeerCORPS Vets-Driving-Vets	\$ 469,817.00
31	Villa of Hope	Hope on the Horizon	\$ 3,826,591.00