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Monroe County, New York

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, New York 14614

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Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Department of Health and Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester for the Lead Rental Registry Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a five-year grant from the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$7,539,500 for the Lead Rental Registry Program for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2029 and authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester in an amount not to exceed \$1,254,257 for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed \$1,254,257 annually.

The purpose of this grant is to administer the Lead Rental Registry Program to prevent lead exposure before children are harmed by ensuring lead safe rental units throughout communities of concern in New York State; to create a rental registry including lead safety inspection certificates; and to decrease the number of homes that require environmental intervention from local health departments due to children identified with elevated blood lead levels. In 2023, the New York State Legislature amended the NYS Public Health Law to include a requirement for owners of dwellings with two or more units, built prior to 1980, to register their rental units and certify units to be safe of lead hazards every three (3) years. The New York State Department of Health is currently promulgating a Lead Rental Registry Regulation under Public Health Law §1337.

The Monroe County Department of Public Health and the City of Rochester, through an intermunicipal agreement, will implement the regulation in an identified area of concern within the City of Rochester. Funds will be used to contract with the City of Rochester for day-to-day implementation of the Lead Rental Registry Program to include visual lead inspections, dust wipe sampling, data reporting, outreach, and enforcement procedures. In addition, funds will be used to provide salaries and benefits of existing staff as well as other costs to run the program. This will be the first year the County has received this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$7,539,500 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Department of Health for the Lead Rental Registry Program for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2029.
2. Amend the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Public Health by appropriating the sum of \$1,507,900 into general fund 9300, funds center 5806110000, Lead Programs.

3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the City of Rochester for the Lead Rental Registry Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,254,257 for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed \$1,254,257 annually.
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, 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.
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 the New York State Department of Health. 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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