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

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Subject: 2025-2029 Five Year Strategic Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County and Grant Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body approve Monroe County's 2025-2029 Five Year Strategic Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County and Grant Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), Home Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME"), and Emergency Solutions Grants ("ESG") programs.

Approval of this submission by HUD will provide the County with funding in the amount of \$3,034,996 for the period of August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026. This represents the combined total of funds for the CDBG Program in the amount of \$1,755,420; the HOME Program in the amount of \$1,118,591; and the ESG Program in the amount of \$160,985. This year's allocations represent a \$24,605 decrease in funding received from HUD last year. This is the 50th year the County will receive this funding.

The CDBG, HOME and ESG programs have been designed to carry out neighborhood projects, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to public facilities, community services, economic development activities, housing activities, and homeless services. Pursuant to HUD regulations, these programs must principally benefit low to moderate-income persons, the elderly, and persons with special needs who live in the towns and villages that participate in the Monroe County Community Development Consortium.

Members of the Consortium and community services agencies apply to the County to receive grants for projects, which are listed in the 2025 Annual Action Plan.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to submit the 2025-2029 Five Year Strategic Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development in Suburban Monroe County and Grant Submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grants programs.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept the grant funds in the amount of \$3,034,996 or such other amount as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), subject to HUD approval of the submission.

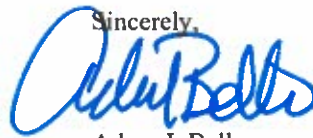
3. Appropriate the sum of \$3,034,996 for grant funds, or such other amount as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the sum of \$372,053, which is the estimated Program Income expected to be generated during the program year, into fund 9005; funds center 1501010000, Community Development Grants, contingent on HUD approval.
4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute all contracts, including intermunicipal agreements, and any amendments thereto, that are necessary to carry out the administration of the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grants programs.
5. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute all agreements, debt instruments, and other documents for each loan, grant, relending project or activity which may be approved under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance program, pursuant to Section 168.00 of the Local Finance Law, and to accept, receive and reappropriate funds which are borrowed from HUD or any other party, and relend the same to qualified borrowers.
6. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to approve the use of contingency funds or funds reprogrammed from current or prior years pursuant to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations.
7. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept, receive and appropriate or reappropriate any funds which accrue to the Community Development Office in the form of program income for use in connection with programs offered or funded by the Community Development Office, which administers the grants. All such income shall be utilized in accordance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing the use of program income.
8. 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.
9. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify such 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.

The legislative action requested in connection with the 2025-2029 Five Year Strategic Plan is not an "Action," as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR § 617.2(b), and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. The 2025 Annual Action Plan includes 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"); (5) ("repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes"); (6) ("street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities"); (13) ("extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list"); (26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment); 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") that are not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Monroe County will serve as Lead Agency for the following five (5) actions, titled: Town of Brighton's Crittenden Road Sidewalk project, Balinsky Gardens, Midvale Commons, First Time Home Buyers Program, Rochester Housing Development Fund Corporation and the Acquisition Rehab and Resale Program, which have all been preliminarily classified as Unlisted Actions. The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to Your Honorable Body undertaking, funding, or approving these projects.

This grant is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. No additional 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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