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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Department of Health for the Drinking Water Enhancement Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a five-year grant from the New York State Department of Health in an amount not to exceed \$521,765 for the Drinking Water Enhancement Program for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2030.

The purpose of this grant is to enhance local drinking water programs and to provide increased oversight of public and private water supplies in Monroe County, along with ensuring continued compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and the New York State Sanitary Code. An allocation formula based on population and the number of public water supplies provides the basis for funding for each local health department. Specific tasks and activities to be performed by the Monroe County Department of Public Health will include water system inspections, plan review, data evaluation, regulatory oversight, and water quality surveillance. Funds will be used to purchase supplies, cover travel expenses, and support existing positions in the program. This will be the twenty-fifth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding level is a reduction from the previous 12 month's period.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$521,765 from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Department of Health for the Drinking Water Enhancement Program for the period of April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2030.
2. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Department of Public Health by appropriating the sum of \$104,353 into general fund 9300, funds center 5806010000, Environmental Health Administration.

3. 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.
4. 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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