

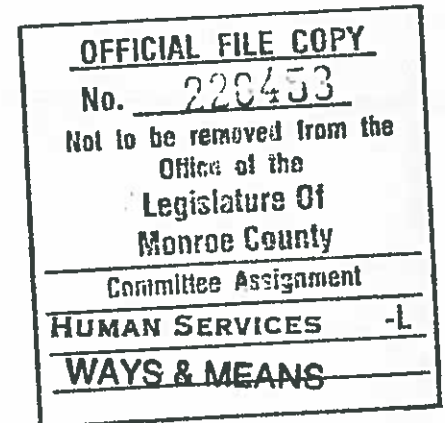


# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello  
County Executive

December 9, 2022



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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials for the Medical Reserve Corps Capacity Building Program entitled "Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain and Equip (RISE)"

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials in the amount of \$25,000 for the Medical Reserve Corps Capacity Building Program entitled "Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain and Equip (RISE)" for the period of December 1, 2022 through September 15, 2023.

Monroe County has been actively involved in medical countermeasure planning to help respond to a public health emergency. Part of that initiative is establishing, training, and maintaining a Medical Reserve Corps of volunteers to support the medical response needs during a public health emergency, such as an anthrax attack, or during a severe communicable disease outbreak, such as COVID-19. Thousands of Medical Reserve Corps volunteers have served at various COVID-19 Vaccination Points of Dispensing during the past two years. Monroe County established a Medical Reserve Corps in 2005.

The purpose of this grant is to assist Medical Reserve Corps units to sustain and further develop their volunteers through increased training opportunities and to educate volunteers to become more resilient and pass this information on to the community. This will enhance the Medical Reserve Corps volunteer readiness and proliferate the level of emergency preparedness in our community. Funds will be used to develop and conduct Emergency Preparedness Train-The-Trainer classes to train the volunteers in emergency preparedness and supply them with an instructor's emergency preparedness demonstration kit to teach others in the community on how to build and maintain a kit. These training classes will equip the whole community with basic preparedness training to allow individuals to become self-reliant for a period of time while emergency responders work to control a crisis and to facilitate faster post-incident recovery. Medical Reserve Corps staff will assist in the training and preparedness kit development for the community. Personnel who administer and support the Medical Reserve Corps County program will attend the NACCHO Preparedness Summit in April 2023 to learn the latest and most effective training methods used throughout the nation to increase and sustain the County's volunteer capacity. This will be the twelfth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents an increase of \$17,500 from the previous award.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$25,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the National Association of County and City Health Officials for the Medical Reserve Corps Capacity Building Program entitled "Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain and Equip (RISE)" for the period of December 1, 2022 through September 15, 2023.
2. Amend the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Public Health by appropriating the sum of \$25,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 5801090000, Public Health Preparedness.
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, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
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 National Association of County and City Health Officials. 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