

By Legislators McCabe and Smith

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2023

**ACCEPTING GRANT FROM NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION FOR CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES FOR ORGANICS MANAGEMENT
PLAN**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept a \$50,000 grant from, and execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the Organics Management Plan.

Section 2. The 2023 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services is hereby amended by appropriating \$100,000 of general fund committed fund balance previously committed for Climate Change Initiatives, into the solid waste fund 9009 in the amount of \$50,000, funds center 8201010000 Solid Waste Administration, and into solid waste fund 9309 in the amount of \$50,000, funds center 8201010000 Solid Waste Administration.

Section 3. The County Executive is hereby authorized 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.

Section 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.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Environment and Public Works Committee; March 27, 2023 - CV: 6-0

Ways and Means Committee; March 28, 2023 - CV: 11-0

File No. 23-0073

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

March 10, 2023

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

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Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for Climate Smart Communities for the Organics Management Plan

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") in the amount of \$50,000 for Climate Smart Communities for the Organics Management Plan.

Monroe County was awarded this grant as part of an initiative by the NYSDEC to provide resources for projects aimed at addressing climate change and its effects. This project complements the goals established in the Monroe County Climate Action Plan, Phase I of which was approved by Your Honorable Body (Resolution 276 of 2022), and the Climate Smart Communities program, which Your Honorable Body resolved to participate by adopting the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge (Resolution 260 of 2020). Completion of this project will further Monroe County's goal of achieving Silver Certification, the highest level in the Climate Smart Communities program.

The grant will support the development of an organics management plan study as part of the Monroe County local solid waste management plan. The study will analyze the existing food waste recycling environment in Monroe County, and the opportunities to build upon existing local composting programs, food waste diversion pilots and other data. The anticipated outcome of the study will be a set of waste management options, goals, and benchmarks that can be used to develop a coherent organics management strategy for Monroe County.

This grant was submitted through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application program in 2022, and the award was announced in January 2023. The Monroe County Department of Environmental Services will lead the project funded by this grant and administer the grant requirements.

The specific legislative actions required are:


1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$50,000 grant from, and execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the Organics Management Plan.
2. Amend the 2023 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services by appropriating \$100,000 of general fund committed fund balance previously committed for Climate Change Initiatives, into the solid waste fund 9009 in the amount of \$50,000, funds center 8201010000 Solid Waste Administration, and into solid waste fund 9309 in the amount \$50,000, funds center 8201010000 Solid Waste Administration.

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This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(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 is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant requires an equal local funding match, in the amount of \$50,000. The local match will require additional net County support, for which general fund committed fund balance is being appropriated.

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