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Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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

Subject: Authorize a Grant Contract with Starbridge Services, Inc. Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a grant contract with Starbridge Services, Inc. for the administration of the Neighborhood Collaborative Project ("NCP") in an amount not to exceed \$6,092,878 pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") for a term to commence on or after December 1, 2023 and terminate on or before December 31, 2026.

NCP is a capacity-building strategy that brings services back into Rochester neighborhoods. This program supports walking outreach, corner pop-up events, and wraparound services; creates a responsive services platform; and expands staff and services at the participating agencies, which are trusted neighborhood agencies. NCP seeks to create an agile system that meets residents at their point of need and empowers residents within the neighborhood to resolve problems and meet community needs. This Honorable Body approved an ARPA award for the Neighborhood Collaborative Project through Resolution 342 of 2022.

Community Resource Collaborative, Inc. ("CRC") previously served as the administrative lead for NCP. On February 7, 2024, the County suspended funding of CRC's grant agreement and commenced a forensic review of CRC's administration of NCP. With the review complete, the County will terminate its contract with CRC and is now seeking to contract with Starbridge Services, Inc. to fulfill the remaining administrative services.

A Request for Qualifications was issued, with Starbridge Services, Inc. selected as the successful respondent.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a grant contract and any amendments thereto, with Starbridge Services, Inc., 1650 South Avenue, Suite 200, Rochester, New York 14620, in an amount not to exceed \$6,092,878 for the administration of the Neighborhood Collaborative Project pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") for a term to commence on or after December 1, 2023 and terminate on or before December 31, 2026.

This grant contract 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.

Funding for this grant contract is included in the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Finance, funds center 1403930104, ARPA Health & Welfare. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

Starbridge Services, Inc. is a not-for profit agency and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam J. Bello", is written over the typed name and title.

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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