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Monroe County, New York

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Committee Assignment

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June 6, 2025

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

Subject:

Acceptance of a Gift from the United Way of Greater Rochester, Inc. for Monroe

County's Child Poverty Reduction Initiative: Project Prosper

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a one-time gift from the United Way of Greater Rochester, Inc. ("United Way") in the amount of \$7,500 for the Monroe County Child Poverty Reduction Initiative: Project Prosper.

The Project Prosper initiatives are primarily funded by a \$25,000,000 award to the City of Rochester, through the Monroe County Division of Social Services (the "Division") from the New York Child Poverty Reduction Initiative. The addition of the \$7,500 gift from the United Way allows the Division's project to meet the eligibility requirements of 18 NYCRR 300.11, to exempt any direct payments made through Project Prosper to clients from being counted as income for Temporary Assistance, SNAP, and HEAP programs.

The specific legislative action required are:

- 1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a one-time \$7,500 gift from, and to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto with, the United Way of Greater Rochester, Inc. for the Monroe County Poverty Reduction Initiative: Project Prosper.
- 2. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services by appropriating the sum of \$7,500 into general fund 9300, funds center 5111010000, Family Assistance.

- 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 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 gift is 100% funded by the United Way of Greater Rochester, Inc. 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.

Adam J. Bello

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Monroe County Executive