

July 20, 2022

Monroe County Purchasing and Central Services
39 West Main Street, Room 200
Rochester, NY 14614



To ARPA – RFP Coordinator,

We are writing to express our support for Trillium Health Inc.'s application for the Monroe County American Rescue Plan Act funding opportunity.

This funding will support Trillium Health's expansion of its existing food cupboard operation to include a holistic model of care that addresses food insecurity and as a portal to address social determinants of health with providing individuals with linkage to healthcare and supportive services. A key component of this program will include increasing access to behavioral health services.

Trillium Health and Villa of Hope have a longstanding partnership integrating behavioral health with primary care services. Villa of Hope works with Trillium Health to address behavioral health needs for clients at Trillium Health's Harm Reduction services and Trillium health provides pediatric intake and ongoing services to Villa's clients.

Villa of Hope understands the importance of addressing the social determinates of health, behavioral wellness and physical health and fully supports Trillium Health's efforts to increase public health by addressing food insecurity and expanding access to healthcare among our most vulnerable populations.

Villa of Hope is committed to continuing our collaborative work with Trillium Health and look forward to working with them with the addition of this important funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO