



July 26, 2022

Monroe County  
ARPA RFP Response  
Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

This letter of support is being submitted on behalf of Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) in Rochester, NY. Foodlink and VOC have been partners for many years in service to veterans in our community facing food insecurity.

Foodlink works closely with VOC to help provide food at low or no cost to their homeless shelter (Richards House) every year. We have awarded a number of grant requests as well so that VOC can update kitchen equipment, food storage appliances and more. VOC has maintained currency on all Foodlink required trainings and certifications, and they also provide food to hundreds of needy veterans in the community who don't reside in their shelter. VOC's ability to safely and effectively manage these food-based programs is one of many reasons we are glad to be a partner in their work. Moreover, we support the renovation project at Richards House as we have seen first-hand the need to modernize and improve their shelter building. The 38 beds that will be renovated and the 16 beds being added will go a long ways towards improving the overall health and well-being of veterans in the Rochester community.

Sincerely,

Alec Andrest, Director of Program Operations

Mitch Gruber, PhD, Chief Strategy & Partnerships Officer

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