MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media
FROM: Cheryl M. Rozzi, Clerk of the Legislature
DATE: June 27, 2012
RE: Matter of Importance – File No. 12-0220

12-0220 - Approve an Application to the United States Department of Agriculture for a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Grant - As A Matter of Importance - County Executive Maggie Brooks

This referral was not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on June 12, 2012 but has been determined by President Jeffrey R. Adair to be of sufficient importance to warrant referral between Legislative meetings, pursuant to Sections 545-24 (C) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachment

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Subject: Approve an Application to the United States Department of Agriculture for a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Grant

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize an application for a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture for a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Participation Grant for the Monroe County Department of Human Services, Financial Assistance Division.

The purpose of the grant is to fund projects that simplify SNAP application eligibility determinations. The Monroe County Department of Human Services, Financial Assistance Division, plans to centralize and streamline the management of non public assistance food stamp applications and re-certifications to improve timely and accurate processing of food stamp applications and re-certifications. The Monroe County Department of Human Services Financial Assistance Division currently manages the SNAP program, which includes case management activities for over 44,000 active food stamp cases.

The United States Department of Agriculture requires, as part of the grant application, that a municipality provide proof of approval of the application from the Monroe County Legislature. The total grant funding currently sought is $127,950.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to file a resolution, on behalf of the Monroe County Department of Human Services, approving an application for grant funding from the United States Department of Agriculture for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation Grant in accordance with the grant application requirements.

2. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the grant application.

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.

Sincerely,

Maggie Brooks
County Executive

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