Office of the County Executive  
Monroe County, New York

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

Subject: Authorize Scheduling and Holding a Public Hearing, Approve the Submission of a Grant Application to, and Authorize the Acceptance of Grant Funding from, the New York State Office of Community Renewal for the Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act for the Preparing, Preventing, and Responding to the Coronavirus

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body approve Monroe County's application for Housing and Community Development in Monroe County and grant submission to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (“NYS OCR”) for the Community Development Block Grant CARES Act program (“CDBG-CV”) through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”).

Approval of this submission by NYS OCR will provide the County with funding in the amount of $4,645,000 for the period of March 8, 2022 to May 12, 2023. This is the first year the County will receive this funding from NYS OCR.

The CDBG-CV program has been designed to carry out economic development and housing activities. Pursuant to HUD regulations, these programs must principally benefit low to moderate-income persons throughout Monroe County:

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Schedule and hold a public hearing to approve the submission of a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (“NYS OCR”) and to provide such additional information as may be required by NYS OCR for the Community Development Block Grant – CARES Act (“CDBG-CV”) funding.

2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to submit the grant application to the NYS OCR in the amount of $4,645,000 or such other amount as determined by NYS OCR, subject to NYS OCR approval of the submission.

3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept the grant funds and appropriate the sum of $4,645,000 for grant funds, or such other amount as determined by NYS OCR, contingent on NYS OCR approval.

4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute all contracts, including intermunicipal agreements, and any amendments thereto, that are necessary to carry out the administration of the CDBG-CV.
5. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute all agreements, debt instruments, and other documents for each loan, grant, revolving project or activity which may be approved under NYS OCR, Section 108 Loan Guarantee Assistance program, pursuant to Section 168.00 of the Local Finance Law, and to accept, receive and reappropriate funds which are borrowed from NYS OCR, HUD, or any other party, and lend the same to qualified borrowers.

6. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to approve the use of contingency funds or funds reprogrammed from current or prior years pursuant to NYS OCR.

7. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept, receive and appropriate or reappropriate any funds which accrue to the Community Development Office in the form of program income for use in connection with programs offered or funded by the Community Development Office, which administers the grants. All such income shall be utilized in accordance with NYS OCR and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing the use of program income.

8. 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, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.

9. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify such 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 action 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 grant is funded by the NYS OCR. No additional 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,

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