

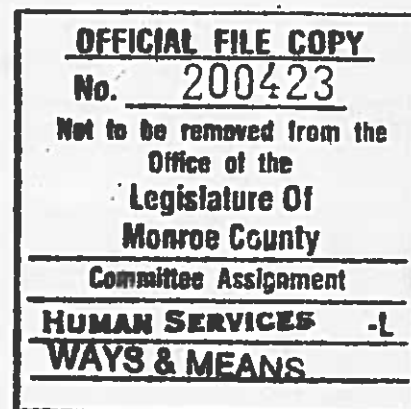


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

December 4, 2020



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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from Health Research, Inc. for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from Health Research, Inc. in the amount of \$1,123,825 for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022; and authorize the acceptance of up to an additional \$1,000,000 in restricted New York State Department of Health emergency placeholder funding that may be included in this grant.

The purpose of this grant is to assist local health departments with emergency funding for enhanced detection, surveillance, and prevention of COVID-19. Program objectives include increasing capacity for local health departments in detecting, surveilling, and preventing COVID-19 through increased personnel support in our COVID-19 response in areas such as case investigation, contact tracing, mobile laboratory services, wraparound care, and call center/phone triage database services. This is the first year the County will receive this grant. Up to an additional \$1,000,000 in restricted New York State Department of Health emergency placeholder funding may be included in this grant, which could be made available quickly if deemed necessary and funding is available.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$1,123,825 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, Health Research, Inc. for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity COVID-19 Enhanced Detection Program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022; and authorize the acceptance of up to an additional \$1,000,000 in restricted New York State Department of Health emergency placeholder funding that may be included in this grant.

2. Amend the 2020 operating budget of the Department of Public Health by appropriating the sum of \$1,123,825 into general fund 9300, funds center 5801090000, Public Health Preparedness; and appropriate up to \$1,000,000 of the additional restricted New York State Department of Health emergency placeholder funding upon approval by New York State.
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, and to make any necessary funding modifications within grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
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 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 100% funded by Health Research, Inc. 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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