

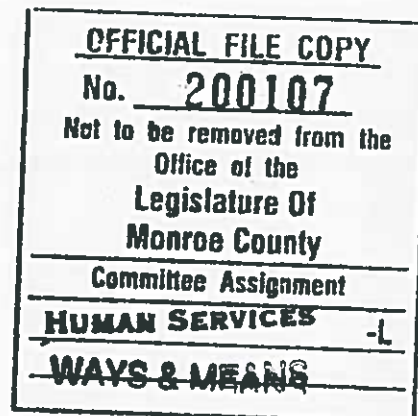


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

March 6, 2020



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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials for the Medical Reserve Corps Capacity Building Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials, in the amount of \$7,500, for the Medical Reserve Corps Capacity Building Program, for the period of February 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

Monroe County has been actively involved in medical countermeasure planning to help respond to a public health emergency. Part of that initiative is establishing, training and maintaining a Medical Reserve Corps of volunteers to support the medical response needs during a public health emergency, such as an anthrax attack or a severe pandemic influenza outbreak. Monroe County established a Medical Reserve Corps in 2005.

The purpose of this grant is to assist Medical Reserve Corps units in further development, through increased training, to educate volunteers to become more resilient and pass this information on to the community. This will enhance the Medical Reserve Corps volunteer readiness and proliferate the level of emergency preparedness in our community. Funds will be used to develop and conduct Emergency Preparedness Train-The-Trainer classes to train the volunteers in emergency preparedness and supply them with an instructor's emergency preparedness demonstration kit to teach others in the community on how to build and maintain a kit. These training classes will equip the whole community with basic preparedness training to allow individuals to become self-reliant for a period of time while emergency responders work to control a crisis and to facilitate faster post-incident recovery. Medical Reserve Corps staff will assist in the training and preparedness kit development for the community. This will be the eleventh year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents a decrease of \$5,000 from the previous award.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$7,500 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, for the Medical Reserve Corps Capacity Building Program, for the period of February 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

2. Amend the 2020 operating budget of the Department of Public Health by appropriating the sum of \$7,500 into general fund 9001, funds center 5801090000, Public Health Preparedness.
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 the 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) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by the National Association of County and City Health Officials. 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,


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