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Monroe County, New York

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, New York 14614

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Committee Assignment	
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Subject: Amend Resolution 138 of 2019 to Authorize the Submission of a Substantial Amendment to Monroe County's 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and Authorize Acceptance of a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Grant for the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Programs

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 138 of 2019 to authorize the submission of a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant programs to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorize the acceptance of a Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant for the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions programs in the amount of \$1,652,009, or such other amount as determined by HUD.

Approval of the Plan by HUD will provide the County with additional CDBG-CV funding in the amount of approximately \$1,095,243 and ESG-CV funding in the amount of approximately \$556,766 to carry out programs and projects for the preparing, prevention, and responding to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). In order to receive these funds, eligible grantees must submit a Plan for the use of the funds. Final HUD regulations on the use of these CDBG and ESG CARES Act funds have yet to be released. Initial guidance indicates that grantees must meet the priority for the preparing, prevention, and response to COVID-19.

The County intends to allocate the CDBG and ESG CARES Act funds upon approval from HUD to programs and projects that principally benefit low-moderate income individuals. A budget and list of projects will be made available on the Monroe County website at: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/planning-community.php> for a 5 day public comment to meet the necessary HUD requirements.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 138 of 2019 to authorize the submission of a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant programs to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to provide such additional information as may be required by HUD.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept additional grant funds in the amount of \$1,652,009 or such other amount as determined by HUD, subject to HUD approval of the submission.

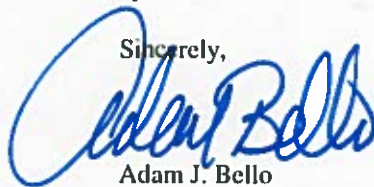
3. Appropriate the sum of \$1,652,009 into community development fund 9005, funds center 1501010000, Community Development Grants.
4. Authorize the County Executive or his designee, to execute all contracts, including intermunicipal agreements, and any amendments thereto, that are necessary to carry out the administration of the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act Program.
5. Authorize the County Executive or his designee 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.
6. 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) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2020

AMENDING RESOLUTION 138 OF 2019 TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO MONROE COUNTY'S 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAMS TO UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT GRANT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS PROGRAMS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Resolution 138 of 2019 is amended as follows:

The County Executive, or ~~her~~ his designee, is hereby authorized to submit a Substantial Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to provide such additional information as may be required by HUD for the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grants programs.

Section 2. Section 2 of Resolution 138 of 2019 is amended as follows:

The County Executive, or ~~her~~ his designee, is hereby authorized to accept grant funds in the amount of ~~\$3,049,192~~ \$4,701,201 or such other amount as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), subject to HUD approval of the submission.

Section 3. Section 3 of Resolution 1389 of 2019 is amended as follows:

The sum of ~~\$3,049,192~~ \$4,701,201 for grant funds, or such other amount as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the sum of \$100,134, which is the estimated Program Income expected to be generated during the program year, are hereby appropriated into fund 9005; funds center 1501010000, Community Development Grants, contingent on HUD approval.

Section 4. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute all contracts, including intermunicipal agreements, and any amendments thereto, that are necessary to carry out the administration of the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act Program.

Section 5. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized 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.

Section 6. 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.

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 20-0

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____

Added Language is underlined
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SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

to the 2019 Annual Action Plan
for Housing & Community Development
for Suburban Monroe County for

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) CARES Act Funding



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County Executive

Home Improvement Program Project



Before



After

Affordable Housing Projects



CDS Monarch II, Webster



Heritage Gardens, Henrietta

May 6, 2020—May 11, 2020 Public Comment

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Substantial Amendment to the 2019-20 Annual Action Plan:

Monroe County was allocated a total of \$1,095,243 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$556,766 of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020. The purpose of this over \$2 trillion economic relief package is to protect people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The CARES Act provides fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, and small businesses, and preserves jobs for our American industries. These funds are used for activities that prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). Funds may also be used to mitigate economic impacts caused by COVID-19.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act will make available a combined total allocation of \$1,652,009 in CARES Act funding to Monroe County through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) community development formula grant programs for the 2019-2020 program year:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)	\$1,095,243
Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG-CV)	\$ 556,766

HUD has granted utilization of waivers to allow for greater flexibility of use of CARES Act funding, including the 2019-20 program year funding. Monroe County will utilize these waivers as appropriate to best deploy resources as quickly as possible to respond to the pandemic and to help mitigate economic impacts in our community caused by COVID-19.

In an effort to deploy resources quickly, there is a shortened public comment period for the Plan. In order to use these funds, Monroe County is publishing the draft Substantial Amendment Plan for a 5-day public comment period instead of the usual 30-day public comment period as outlined in Monroe County's Citizen Participation Plan. The 15% public services cap for CDBG and CDBG-CV funds has been eliminated. Monroe County Community Development (CD) staff will utilize available waivers as appropriate and as needed.

This draft Substantial Amendment was put together with input from our municipal partners, service providers and community agencies, which identified the best use of these funds throughout suburban Monroe County. We identified needs such as small business assistance, public infrastructure in towns and villages, eviction prevention, and public services to meet the increased demand throughout the community in response to and the prevention of the coronavirus pandemic. Due to the deadlines of CARES Act resources, funding will be obligated to municipalities and organizations with demonstrated capacity to efficiently carry out the projects and expend these funds successfully while meeting the program requirements within the statutory timeframe.

While Monroe County awaits the publication of the Federal Register that will provide more details, County staff engaged HUD for guidance on use of these funds and various technical assistance issues. Goal income indicators have not been developed as of the draft of the Substantial Amendment. Funding for projects that are not able to be fully developed within 30 days will be reallocated to other approved projects.

Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG – CV) funds: \$1,095,243

Activity	Description	Allocation
East Rochester, T/V	Blinker Beacon Installation	\$30,000
Fairport, Village	Monroe St., Hillsborough St., Orchard Street, and Suffolk St. Road Resurfacing	\$128,132
Henrietta	Sanitary Sewer Installation Lehigh Station Road	\$50,000
Hilton, Village	Union Station Backup Generator	\$33,000
Parma	Meeting House Rehab and ADA parking	\$54,000
Sweden	Gary Drive Extension	\$175,500
Webster, Village of	Phillips Road Sanitary Sewer Main	\$67,410
ABVI	2-1-1 purchase of service and licenses for crisis hotline calls	\$5,300
Housing Council at PathStone	Training and Safety mechanisms for staff and clients during and related to COVID-19	\$43,750
LifeSpan	Emergency care provided to the elderly	\$20,300
Partners in Community Development	Training and resources to low-mod income individuals who have lost jobs during	\$15,000
Volunteers of America	Build 2 quarantine bedrooms and a bathroom at shelter	\$45,800
Administration	Increased staff time for administration of projects and programs	\$ 219,001

Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) funds: 556,766

Activity	Description	Allocation
ESG-CV	Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Shelter operations, Street Outreach	\$501,090
Administration	Increased staff time to administer programs	\$ 55,676

Monroe County Citizen Participation and Public Comment:

Monroe County CDA amended its Citizen Participation Plan through a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to aid grantees in deploying their funds quickly allowing for a 5- day public comment period with posting on its governmental website.

During NY on PAUSE and the State of Emergency for Monroe County declared by County Executive Adam Bello on March 14, 2020, in person public meetings will not be held. A link to the Substantial Amendment to the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan will be emailed to Monroe County consortium members, contracted service providers, as well as community stakeholders and posted on the Monroe County website for public comment and can be found at: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/planning-community.php> from May 6, 2020 -May 11, 2020.

Comments on the draft Substantial Amendment can be emailed to danielmorrison@monroecounty.gov by May 11, 2020. Any comments received by midnight on May 11, 2020 will be responded to via email and included in the Plan submitted to HUD.

The draft Substantial Amendment will be voted on by the full Legislature at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 12, 2020 @ 5:30p.