



Monroe County Legislature

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LEGISLATOR – DISTRICT 15

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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Subject: Amending Resolution 134 of 2020 Entitled “Accepting Grant from United States Treasury for Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act,” for the Provision of Additional Legislative Fiscal Oversight

Honorable Legislators:

In April of 2020, this Honorable Body accepted \$129 million in federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The express purpose of this funding was to assist our residents, businesses and government agencies in fighting and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the past year, this funding has served as a means to bolster small businesses, assist local government, and provide for a comprehensive response to the pandemic.

Late last year, as a result of difficult to access reporting, this Honorable Body voted for weekly reporting for CARES Act expenditures. While this reporting has assisted the Legislature in performing its duty of providing fiscal oversight, the County Executive has been able to make unilateral spending decisions with this funding for nearly a year. The great latitude in spending afforded to the County Executive was appropriate when this funding was accepted, however nearly a year later it is imperative that the Legislature have more involvement in approving the use of this funding.

This resolution allows for greater fiscal oversight from this Honorable Body. Legislative approval will be required for the expending of CARES Act funding in excess of \$20,000. The Legislature has been diligent in meeting quickly when it is required, therefore any appropriate and necessary use of funding is able to be approved expeditiously. It is the duty of this Honorable Body to protect taxpayers and review expenditures of the County carefully and with scrutiny; enacting this legislation will ensure that this is done.

The specific legislative actions required is to amend resolution no. 134 of 2020, entitled “Accepting Grant from United States Treasury for Coronavirus Relief, And Economic Security Act,” to change the end date of the grant term and add fiscal oversight measures by the County Legislature as detailed in the resolution.

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c) (26) ("routine of 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 action will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

Respectfully Submitted,



George J. Hebert
Monroe County Legislator
District 15

By Legislator Hebert

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2021

AMENDING RESOLUTION 134 OF 2020 ENTITLED "ACCEPTING GRANT FROM UNITED STATES TREASURY FOR CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT," FOR PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OVERSIGHT

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

Section 1. Section 1 of Resolution No. 134 of 2020 shall be amended, in part, as follows:

The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept a \$129,433,144.90 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the United States Treasury, for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, for payment of expenses needed to combat the Coronavirus pandemic, for the period of March 1, 2020 through December ~~30~~ 31, ~~2020~~ 2021.

Section 2. Section 3 of Resolution No. 134 of 2020 shall be amended, in part, as follows:

The County Executive, ~~is hereby authorized to~~ with approval by resolution of the County Legislature, may 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.

Section 3. Section 5 of Resolution No. 134 of 2020 shall be renumbered as Section 6.

Section 4. Resolution No. 134 of 2020 shall be amended, in part, by adding a new Section 5, to read as follows:

It shall be required that the Legislature approve by resolution, the expense of any funds accepted and appropriated hereto, when used to fund any agreement or contract on behalf of the county for goods and services where the total consideration thereof is in excess of \$20,000, as prescribed in Section A5-6 (A) of the Monroe County Code.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 21-____

Added language is underlined.
Deleted language is ~~stricken~~

ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____