

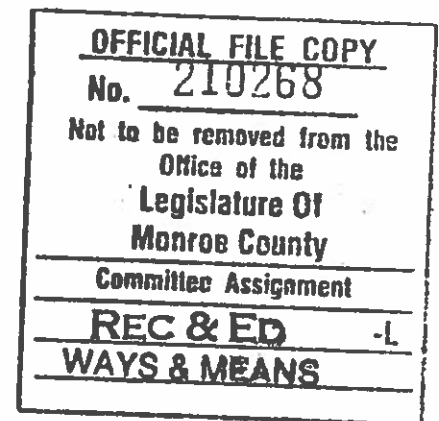


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Monroe County, New York

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

Subject: Acceptance of Federal CARES Act Funding for the Monroe County Library System

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept an increase in funding in the amount of \$56,991 for the Monroe County Library System ("MCLS") due to distribution of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES") funds allocated to the New York State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services ("IMLS").

This emergency investment allocated to the IMLS is to enable libraries and museums to respond to pandemic operations disruptions, including by expanding digital network access, purchasing Internet accessible devices, and providing technical support services to their communities.

The MCLS will purchase and reimburse for prior purchases of electronic content (books and audiobooks) to help increase accessibility of titles during a time of unprecedented demand for digital collections. To enable continued public programming and operations during New York State on PAUSE, the MCLS network expanded its Virtual Private Network ("VPN") access across all member libraries. This funding will also reimburse the MCLS for purchased VPN tokens and fobs that enable secure, remote access for member employees through the network's firewall.

The specific legislative action required is to amend the 2021 operating budget of the Monroe County Library System by appropriating the sum of \$56,991 into Library fund 9006, funds center 8904010000, MCLS Programs.

This support is 100% funded by federal aid. 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