

Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

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Committee Assignment

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HUMAN SERVICES

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Subject:

Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Office for the Aging for Payment of Expenses to

Respond to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and its Negative Impacts

Honorable Legislators:

To The Honorable

Monroe County Legislature

407 County Office Building Rochester, New York 14614

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office for the Aging in the amount of \$2,657,852 for payment of expenses to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative impacts for the period April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

The New York State Office of the Aging was awarded funding under several sections of the American Rescue Plan Act, from which Monroe County is a sub-recipient, to address pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, more equitable economy as the country recovers. Under New York State's Major Disaster Declaration, these funds can be used for any eligible service for older adults, individuals with disabilities of any age, and informal caregivers during the covered period. Once the Major Disaster Declaration is lifted, the allowable services under each portion of the grant will be the same as the allowable services under the corresponding part of Title III funding. Those services are: supportive services (Title III-B), congregate meals (Title III-C-1), home delivered meals (Title III-C-2), preventive health (Title III-D), and family caregivers (Title III-E).

Matching funds ranging from 0% to 25%, specific to the relevant Title III requirement, will be provided by the United Way, contracted agencies and the County via participant contributions.

The specific legislative actions required are:

- 1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$2,657,852 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office for the Aging for payment of expenses to respond to the Coronavirus public health emergency and its negative economic impacts for the period April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024.
- 2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Office for the Aging, by appropriating the sum of \$1,247,605 into general fund 9300, funds center 5501030000, Support and Service Contracts and the sum of \$1,410,247 into general fund 9300, funds center 5501040000, Nutrition Service Contracts.
- 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)(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.

These program funds are 100% funded by the New York State Office for the Aging. 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.

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