



Monroe County Legislature

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To the Honorable
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Committee Assignment

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Subject: Authorize Funding for a Position at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County to Expand the Existing Cornell Cooperative Extension Nutrition Program and Strengthen Cornell Cooperative Extension Public Health Outreach

Honorable Legislators:

Cornell Cooperative Extension and Monroe County have had a strong partnership since CCE-Monroe was started in 1913. CCE-Monroe operates outreach programs addressing food security, nutrition disparities, workforce training for unemployed or underemployed and youth & family outreach and support are just a few of the services provided by CCE-Monroe.

As a current partner with the Northeast Finger Lakes SNAP Education Team, CCE-Monroe provides 4 grant funded full time SNAP educators to work in the neighborhoods in our region that have some of the highest concentrations of poverty and obesity not only here in Monroe County, but in the entire country. Currently due to grant restrictions these educators are unable to serve residents outside of the Rochester, East Irondequoit, and Gates-Chili. This leaves a gaping hole in coverage with an estimated 450,000 Monroe County Residents without access to nutritional education and resources.

This referral will authorize \$65,000 in Community Contingency Fund money to be utilized to immediately expand this program and allow CCE-Monroe to facilitate the hiring of an additional General Nutrition Educator. By expanding the number of residents served under the SNAP grant CCE-Monroe will be able to provide further capacity to strengthen areas of public health outreach throughout our community.

This jumpstart funding of \$65,000 will cover \$58,000 in salary costs, \$1,000 in "Fringe Expenses" for unemployment insurance & workers comp benefits, Cornell University handles the bulk of employee benefits package and \$6,000 in "Non-Personal Services" including mileage, printing, teaching supplies etc., with the expectation this position be funded in the upcoming 2022 Monroe County Budget. The Coronavirus pandemic alerted CCE-Monroe to the need for additional staffing in this program. Through the Community Contingency Fund, the legislature can facilitate having this position funded and filled as soon as possible instead of early 2022.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the transfer of \$65,000 from general fund 9001, fund center 1001020000, Community Contingency Fund, to make available sufficient appropriations for the addition of one (1) full-time General Nutrition Educator at Monroe County – Cornell Cooperative Extension.
2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the Monroe County - Cornell Cooperative Extension by appropriating the sum of \$65,000 within general fund 9001 from fund center 1001020000, Community Contingency Fund to funds center 504215, Cooperative Extension/Soil and Water District for the express purpose of funding one (1) full-time General Nutrition Educator at Monroe County - Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an “Action,” as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR § 617.2(b), and is not subject to 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,



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