

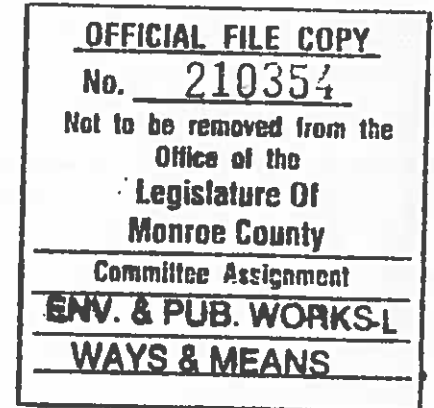


# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (Airport Rescue Grant Program) Related to the Operation and Maintenance of the Frederick Douglass - Greater Rochester International Airport

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (Airport Rescue Grant Program) in the amount of \$12,061,336 for payment of expenses needed to operate and maintain the Frederick Douglass - Greater Rochester International Airport.

The Airport Rescue Grant Program, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, allocates approximately \$8 billion in economic relief to airports to assist in the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This rescue plan provides relief from rent and minimum annual guarantees for eligible airport concessions at primary airports. In addition, the grant funding may be used to reimburse costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service.

The effects of COVID-19 still continue to significantly reduce airport revenue that is generated at the Frederick Douglass - Greater Rochester International Airport to pay for necessary operational and maintenance expenses. Resolutions 163 of 2020 and 141 of 2021, both approved by Your Honorable Body, accepted \$18 million in grant funding through the Federal Aviation Administration CARES Act to assist with the payment of these expenses.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$12,061,336 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the Federal Aviation Administration (Airport Rescue Grant Program), for payment of expenses needed to operate and maintain the Frederick Douglass - Greater Rochester International Airport.

2. 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.
3. 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 included 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.

Funding for this contract is included in the 2021 operating budget of the Monroe County Department of Aviation, Airport fund 9010, funds center 8101010000, Airport Administration, funds center 8102010000, Airport Security, funds center 8103010000, Airport Crash/Fire/Rescue, funds center 8104010000, Airport Field Operations, funds center 8105010000, Airport Custodial Operations, and funds center 8106010000, Airport Building Maintenance Operations.

This grant is 100% funded by the Federal Aviation Administration. 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,  


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