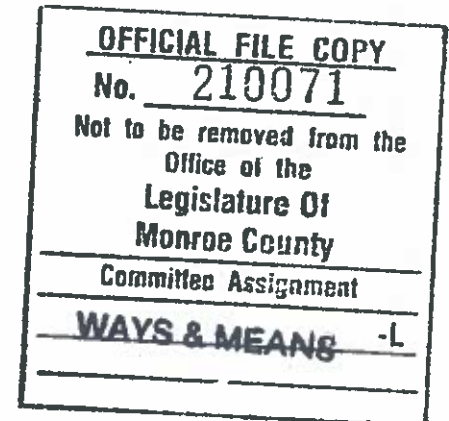


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

February 5, 2021



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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the United States Department of the Treasury for Emergency Rent Assistance for the Monroe County Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0 Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the United States Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") in the amount of \$15,900,965.70 for Emergency Rent Assistance for the Monroe County Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0 program for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, signed into law on December 27, 2020, allocated \$25 billion in funding to States and local governments for Emergency Rent Assistance to individuals economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Treasury funds will provide additional flexibility compared to the CARES Act HUD funding, allowing landlords to apply on behalf of a tenant. The funding can cover up to twelve months' rent and utilities arrears, and up to three months future rent and utilities where ongoing housing stability is at risk. Eligible households must attest to financial impacts due to COVID and document monthly income at or below 80% AMI, and the funds must be prioritized for households at or below 50% AMI and/or unemployed for at least 90 days. The Treasury will award Monroe County \$15,900,965.70 in funding for emergency rent assistance in Monroe County.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$15,900,965.70 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the United States Department of the Treasury for Emergency Rent Assistance for the Monroe County Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0 program, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Finance by appropriating the sum \$15,900,965.70 into general fund 9001, funds center 1209070200, Emergency Rental Assistance.
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 grant requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
4. Should funding for 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 shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law, and when applicable the terms of any labor agreements 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.

This grant is 100% funded by United States Department of the Treasury. 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