

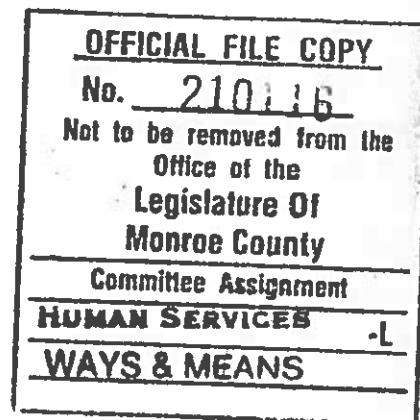


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Monroe County, New York

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

Subject: Authorize Appropriation Transfers for COVID-19 Response Actions

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize appropriation transfers totaling \$21,000,000 for COVID-19 response actions including rapid testing services for employees and contractors of Monroe Community Hospital and the community at large, the provision of community vaccinations, and maintenance of non-congregate sheltering for those requiring isolation.

During 2020 and into 2021, Monroe County established multiple sites for Coronavirus rapid testing, non-congregate sheltering, and the provision of vaccinations. Expenses for those services are being accounted for within the Department of Public Health for program management, accounting, and reimbursement claiming purposes. In addition, Resolution 413 of 2020 authorized a one-year contract renewal to provide employees and contractors of Monroe Community Hospital with COVID-19 testing to comply with New York State Governor's Executive Order 202.30.

The adopted 2021 operating budgets for the Department of Public Health and Monroe Community Hospital do not have sufficient appropriations to fund these services in addition to the regular programs and services delivered on an annual basis. Sufficient appropriations do exist, however, within the Department of Finance-Unallocated stemming from the CARES Act award of 2020, and are available for transfer.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize an appropriation transfer of \$18,000,000 from the Department of Finance-Unallocated, general fund 9001, funds center 1209070100, State of Emergency to the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds center 5801090100, Pandemic Response.

2. Authorize an appropriation transfer of \$3,000,000 from the Department of Finance-Unallocated, general fund 9001, funds center 1209070100, State of Emergency to Monroe Community Hospital, hospital fund 9012, funds center 6201010000 MCH Administration.

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.

These appropriation transfers will require no additional net County support 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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