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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 American Rescue Plan Act through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to Support Providers Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic at Monroe Community Hospital

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in a total amount not to exceed \$70,855.58 to support providers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic at Monroe Community Hospital ("MCH") for the period of November 23, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

This grant was awarded based on Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program ("CHIP") claims for services from January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020; Medicare reimbursement rates; and MCH's provision of services to a disproportionate number of Medicaid and CHIP patients who often have more complex medical needs. This funding can be used to address workforce challenges and make up for the lost revenues and increased expenses caused by the pandemic. Specifically, providers can use these funds for salaries, recruitment, or retention; supplies; equipment such as ventilators or improved filtration systems; capital investments; information technology; and other expenses related to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19. This is the first year the County has received this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a grant, in a total amount not to exceed \$70,855.58 from, and to authorize a contract and any amendments thereto with, the American Rescue Plan Act through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support COVID-related expenses at Monroe Community Hospital for the period of November 23, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

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 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 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 the American Rescue Plan Act through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 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.

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive