

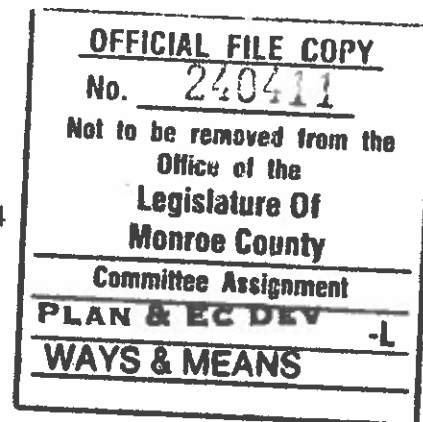


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

November 8, 2024



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

Subject: Authorize an Interagency Agreement with the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development for Monroe County's HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Authorize an Appropriation Transfer

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize an interagency agreement with the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development in the estimated amount of \$5,100,000, together with any additional State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that remain unobligated prior to December 31, 2024, for Monroe County's HOME Investment Partnerships Program for a term to commence on or after December 1, 2024 and terminate on or before December 31, 2026.

To help address the affordable housing shortage crisis, the US Treasury identified presumptively eligible uses of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support affordable housing investments. One such eligible use is to fund projects that meet certain core requirements of federal housing programs, including the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. As Your Honorable Body is aware, the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development oversees the Annual Action Plan process and administers the following HOME Investment Partnerships programs in Monroe County: (i) Home Improvement Program, which provides income-eligible, owner-occupied homeowners a grant for eligible home repairs including structural (roof, foundation, windows, exterior paint or siding), major systems (plumbing, heating, or electrical), and accessibility accommodations (ramps, lifts, doorways, bathrooms); (ii) the First-time Homebuyer program, which provides closing costs and down payments for income-eligible, first time homebuyers purchasing their first home in Monroe County; (iii) Rental Housing Development support, which provides funding to construct and rehabilitate affordable rental housing; and (iv) Acquisition Rehab Resale, through which property is acquired, rehabilitated, and resold to income-eligible, first time homebuyers. Through this interagency agreement, the County will supplement the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding to significantly increase its impact in Monroe County.

The specific legislative actions required are:

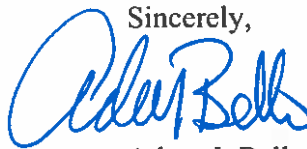
1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an interagency agreement with the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development in the estimated amount of \$5,100,000, together with any additional State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that remain unobligated prior to December 31, 2024, for Monroe County's HOME Investment Partnerships Program for a term to commence on or after December 1, 2024 and terminate on or before December 31, 2026.
2. Authorize an appropriation transfer from the Department of Finance, general fund 9301, funds center 1403930104, Health & Welfare, and funds center 1403930103 Public Safety, to the Department of Planning, general fund 9301, funds center 1404010000, Community Development, in an amount not to exceed \$5,100,000.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(27) ("conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this agreement will be available in the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Planning, general fund 9301, funds center 1404010000, Community Development, once the appropriation transfer is approved. 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