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

Subject: Acceptance of Three Clean Energy Communities Grants from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to Support the Purchase of Electric Vehicles and Equipment

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept three (3) grants from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") in the amounts of \$10,000 for the 1 Star Designation Clean Energy Communities Grant, \$125,000 for the period of December 1, 2024 through December 1, 2027 for the 2 Star Designation Clean Energy Communities Grant, and \$150,000 for the period of January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2028 for the 3 Star Designation Clean Energy Communities Grant to support the purchase of electric vehicles and equipment.

Monroe County was awarded three (3) grants for increasing electric vehicle purchases as part of an initiative by NYSERDA to provide resources for projects aimed at addressing climate change and its effects. This project complements the goals established in the Monroe County Climate Action Plan, Phase I (Resolution 276 of 2022) and adopted as part of the Climate Smart Communities pledge (Resolution 260 of 2020). Completion of these projects will further Monroe County's goal of achieving Silver Certification, the highest level in the program.

The Monroe County Department of Environmental Services will lead the project funded by this grant and administer the grant requirements, and coordinate with the Aviation and Parks Departments to facilitate deployment of the new electric vehicles and equipment.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$10,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for the 1 Star Designation Clean Energy Communities Grant to support the purchase of electric vehicles and equipment.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$125,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for the period of December 1, 2024 through December 1, 2027 for the 2 Star Designation Clean Energy Communities Grant to support the purchase of electric vehicles and equipment.

3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$150,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for the period of January 1, 2025 through January 1, 2028 for the 3 Star Designation Clean Energy Communities Grant to support the purchase of electric vehicles and equipment.
4. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services by appropriating the sum of \$285,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 8301020000, Climate Initiatives.
5. 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, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.
6. 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)(31) ("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.

These grants are 100% funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. 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

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