# Monroe County Clerk of the Legislature

David Grant Clerk



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM: David Grant, Clerk of the Legislature

**DATE:** October 20, 2022

RE: Matters of Importance – File Nos. 22-0358 – 22-0360

#### **Matter of Importance:**

22-0358 - Commit General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for the Specific Purpose of Funding
Climate Action Initiatives as Recommended in the Adopted Climate Action Plan –
Phase 1 of Monroe County – As a Matter of Importance – County Executive Adam J.
Bello, President Sabrina LaMar, County Legislators Rick Milne, Sean M. Delehanty,
Michael Yudelson and Susan Hughes-Smith

22-0359 - Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to
Add a Project Entitled "Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus
Innovations" at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport;
Authorize Financing for the Project; and Authorize a Grant Agreement with New
York State for Aid Relating to the Project — As a Matter of Importance — County
Executive Adam J. Bello

22-0360 - Amend Resolution 282 of 2021 to Accept Additional Funding from the United States

Department of the Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program,

Monroe County Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0 – As a Matter of Importance –

County Executive Adam J. Bello

These referrals were not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on October 11, 2022, but have been determined by Sabrina LaMar, President of the Legislature, to be of sufficient importance to warrant referral between Legislative meetings, pursuant to Section 545-24 (C) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachments



# Office of the County Executive Monroe County Legislature

October 19, 2022

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

No. 220358

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Committee Assignment

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Subject:

Commit General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance for the Specific Purpose of Funding

Climate Action Initiatives as Recommended in the Adopted Climate Action Plan –

Phase 1 of Monroe County

Honorable Legislators:

We recommend that Your Honorable Body commit general fund unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the specific purpose of funding climate action initiatives as recommended in the adopted Climate Action Plan – Phase 1 of Monroe County.

The Climate Action Plan – Phase 1 of Monroe County identified a number of strategies for addressing climate mitigation and adaptation from a government operations standpoint. The Plan also recommended goals for reducing overall greenhouse gas emissions by a certain percentage within a defined period of time. Lastly, a number of implementation actions were identified and ranked for the County's consideration in working toward the recommended goals.

The County's management team must now begin the process of evaluating the feasibility of implementing the Plan's strategies and implementation actions and the means by which implementation will be measured and monitored. Having a designated fund balance from which appropriations can be budgeted and expensed, along with a mechanism to replenish the fund balance once used, provides the County flexibility in planning and implementing climate actions.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board, through Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions (GASB 54), sets forth the process by which fund balance may be reported as committed. GASB 54 states that amounts to be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority should be reported as committed fund balance, and that those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of formal action it employed to commit those amounts.

#### The specific legislative actions required are:

- 1. Commit general fund unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the specific purpose of funding climate action initiatives as recommended in the adopted Climate Action Plan Phase 1 of Monroe County.
- 2. Authorize the Director of Finance-Chief Financial Officer to restore any used portion of committed fund balance to \$1,000,000 from current year operating surpluses, if any, or by appropriation in the next annual operating budget to be submitted.

This legislative action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management") and (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.

The commitment of fund balance will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello

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Monroe County Executive

Sabrina LaMar

Monroe County Legislature

President

Rick Milne

Monroe County Legislator

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Sean M. Delehanty

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Susan Hughes-Smith Monroe County Legislator

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Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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Committee Assignment

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Subject: Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus Innovations" at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport; Authorize Financing for the Project; and Authorize a Grant Agreement with New York State for Aid Relating to the Project

#### Honorable Legislators:

To The Honorable

Monroe County Legislature

407 County Office Building Rochester, New York 14614

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus Innovations" at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport in the amount of \$26,600,000, authorize financing for the project in the amount of \$26,600,000, and authorize a grant agreement with New York State for Aid relating to the project.

New York State requires a formal resolution by Your Honorable Body to release State Aid monies to Monroe County for the Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus Innovations project. The Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus Innovations Project is associated with the 2022 Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Program as follows:

Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus Innovations Project (State Project PIN 4A08.97):

 State Share (57%)
 \$18,000,000

 Local Share (12%)
 \$ 3,681,000

 Other (31%)
 \$ 9,978,237

Total \$31,659,237 (Project funding from existing Capital Funds \$5,085,300 – remainder to be funded from Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Program)

This project is scheduled to be considered by the Monroe County Planning Board on October 27, 2022.

This grant project will assist the Airport in upgrading and revitalizing various areas in the Airport Terminal Building and the Airport Campus. The projects will include the following:

- 1. New Frederick Douglass Legacy Area
- 2. Renovated Veterans Area
- 3. Canopy Additions and Airport Access Road improvement
- 4. Revitalization of the Arrivals Area including ceilings, furnishings, elevators and entrance/exit vestibules and upgrades to the terminal fire alarm system
- 5. Upgrades to both the Bag Belt System and Fire Alarm Systems
- 6. Development of a ROC Airport App
- 7. Airport Fire House improvements

- 8. Replacement of three (3) aircraft jet bridges
- 9. Airport garage parking guidance system
- 10. Improvements to three (3) airport freight buildings

#### The specific legislative actions required are:

- 1. Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan to add a project entitled, "Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus Innovations" in the amount of \$26,600,000.
- 2. Amend the 2022 Capital Budget to add the project "Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus Innovations" in the amount of \$26,600,000.
- 3. Authorize financing for the project entitled "Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus Innovations" in the amount of \$26,600,000.
- 4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a grant agreement, any amendments thereto, additional New York State Department of Transportation resolutions and documentation, with and/or for the State of New York to accept financial assistance for the Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/ Campus Innovations project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport.

These actions are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(2) ("replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part"); (22) ("installation of traffic control devices on existing streets, roads and highways"); and (31) purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for the Airport Access Road portion of this project in the amount of \$2,105,000, is included in capital fund 1987, funding for the Jet Bridges portion of this project in the amount of \$2,980,300, is included in capital fund 1824, and funding for the remainder of the project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in the capital fund to be created or any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget. The local funding for this project will ultimately be provided by the Monroe County Airport Authority from Airport generated revenues.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Adam J. Bello

Monroe County Executive



## Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

October 19, 2022

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Committee Assignment

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HUMAN SERVICES WAYS & MEANS

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

Subject: Amend Resolution 282 of 2021 to Accept Additional Funding from the United States

Department of the Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program, Monroe County

Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0

#### Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 282 of 2021 to accept additional funding from the United States Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") in the amount of \$225,900.63 for the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program (ERA2), Monroe County Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0 for the period of March 11, 2021 through September 30, 2025.

Your Honorable Body accepted an initial ERA2 award of \$22,050,597.30 in August 2021 and used that funding to support the Monroe County Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0 (EPPI 2.0). Under the EPPI 2.0 program, Monroe County covered up to fifteen months' rent and utilities arrears for eligible households, and up to three months future rent and utilities where ongoing housing stability is at risk.

The Treasury has been monitoring actual spending of ERA2 funding and offered municipalities the opportunity to apply for additional funding from reallocated under-spending of other governments. Monroe County applied for reallocated funding and has been granted an additional \$225,900.63 bringing the total ERA2 award to \$22,276,497.93. At this time, Monroe County intends to use its remaining ERA2 funding, including this additional award, to provide legal services to those facing eviction.

Monroe County's EPPI 2.0 is also funded by the first iteration of the Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance program, ERA1. Under ERA1, Monroe County has received to date a total of \$24,156,425.99 (combined City and County allocations), which must be fully obligated by December 29, 2022. With this new reallocated award, the combined ERA1 and ERA2 funding for the Eviction Prevention Pilot Initiative 2.0 is now a total of \$46,432,923.92.

#### The specific legislative actions required are to:

1. Amend Resolution 282 of 2021 to accept additional funding from the United States Department of the Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance 2 Program in the amount of \$225,900.63 for a total award of \$22,276,497.93.

2. Amend the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Finance by appropriating the sum of \$225,900.63, into general fund 9001, funds center 1209070200, Emergency Rental Assistance.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to §6 NYCRR 617.5(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 net County support is required in the Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Adam J. Bello

Monroe County Executive

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