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To ARPA – RFP Coordinator,

**President &
Chief Executive Officer**
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On behalf of the Urban League of Rochester, NY, Inc. (ULR) I am delighted to express support for Trillium Health Inc.'s application for the Monroe County American Rescue Plan Act funding opportunity. ULR was founded in 1965 in the wake of racial unrest and riots in response to police violence and racial inequities that devastated the Rochester community. ULR's mission is to enable African-Americans, Latinos, the poor and other disadvantaged individuals to secure economic self-reliance, parity and power, and civil rights. Today, the Urban League of Rochester offers over 25 programs in Youth Education and Development, Workforce Development, Family and Children Services, Business Development, Housing Services, Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Economic Development, and Equity and Advocacy.

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This funding will support Trillium Health's expansion of its existing food cupboard operation to include a holistic model of care that addresses food insecurity and as a portal to address social determinants of health by providing individuals with linkage to healthcare and supportive services.

The Urban League of Rochester and Trillium Health have a longstanding partnership. Urban League of Rochester and Trillium Health work collaboratively to address barriers associated with access to care for the community. Through this partnership and funding opportunity, Trillium Health will increase distribution of food on-site, address Social Determinants of Health, provide linkages to primary and behavioral healthcare and, provide testing on-site to their program participants.

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The Urban League understands the importance of addressing the social determinates of health, behavioral wellness and physical health and fully supports Trillium Health's efforts to increase public health by addressing food insecurity and expanding access to healthcare among our most vulnerable populations.

Urban League is committed to continuing our collaborative work with Trillium Health and looks forward to working with them with the addition of this important funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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