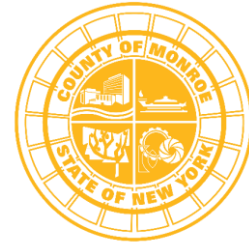




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## **MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF \$144 MILLION AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SUBMISSION PROCESS**

*RFP submissions conclude yearlong public feedback and community outreach effort to weigh community input for historic investment*

**ROCHESTER, NY** — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced the deadline has expired for the county to receive Request for Proposals (RFPs) for federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding opportunities. ARPA funding will affect positive change in the community in high-priority areas: workforce development, economic recovery, public health, public safety, infrastructure and sustainability.

“The ARPA priority areas are perfectly in line with the four focus areas my administration is targeting to Bring Monroe Back: public safety, public health, economic/workforce development and infrastructure. For more than a year, Monroe County sought public feedback from residents and community organizations to on build on what is working now and to Bring Monroe Back for a safer, equitable and more prosperous future,” **said County Executive Bello**. “We’re now one step closer to investing an unprecedented \$144 million federal investment in Monroe County that will make a significant impact for who live and work in Monroe County. My thanks to Senator’s Schumer and Gillibrand and to Congressman Joe Morelle for securing these important ARPA funds for Monroe County.”

**US Senator Charles Schumer** said, “As lead negotiator of the American Rescue Plan Act, I was proud to have delivered over \$144 million to Monroe County to lift up residents, institutions, small businesses, and more to not only recover but to build for the future. I look forward to the next step in the process as County Executive Bello continues to ensure these funds will be used to advance the economy recovery, public safety, health, and infrastructure of Monroe County, paving the way for lasting investments in the community for years to come.”

“I was proud to secure this funding through the American Rescue Plan and put Monroe County on a path to success,” **said Congressman Joe Morelle**. “I’m grateful to County Executive Bello for his leadership in facilitating a collaborative process that allows our community to be involved in deciding how best to allocate these funds. I look forward to our continued work together to create opportunity for families and strengthen the future of Monroe County.”

ARPA was signed into law on March 11, 2021 and allocated \$1.9 trillion in federal emergency relief and recovery funds, of which \$350 billion was designated to support state, local, territorial and Tribal governments. Through the efforts of Congressman Joseph D. Morelle, and Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Monroe County is the recipient of \$144,080,127 in local fiscal recovery funds.

### **What happens next?**

- 1) The Monroe County Department of Planning, in conjunction with an internal review team and voting committee, will review submissions, evaluate applications and determine funding awards.
- 2) Monroe County will enter into contracts with selected vendors, pending approval from the Legislature. Contracts will run for a period of one year, with the option to renew for three additional yearlong terms. Contracts will commence on or about Jan. 1, 2023.
- 3) Monroe County will create a centralized reporting system, and work with each organization to establish quarterly reporting requirements, in compliance with ARPA guidelines.

To view the latest ARPA Annual Reports and find continual updates, visit <https://www.monroecounty.gov/bringmonroeback>

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