



# Purchasing & Central Services

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello  
County Executive

Colleen D. Anderson  
Purchasing Manager

ADDENDUM NO: 1

RFP PROJECT: American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities

DATE: July 13, 2022

**PROPOSERS PLEASE NOTE:**

Attached please find the following:

1. RFP Clarifying Questions and Answers.
2. Slides that were presented in the June 10, 2022 ARPA Application Q and A information session are included in this Addendum. Questions (Q1-Q62) asked during the session are also included in this Addendum #1 with corresponding Answers (A1-A62).

SIGN this Addendum below acknowledging receipt and understanding and INSERT in PROPOSAL packet.

**PURCHASING & CENTRAL SERVICES**

Colleen D. Anderson

The undersigned Respondent acknowledges receipt and understanding of Addendum No. 1 to the RFP for American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities.

7-14-22  
Date

Volunteers of America  
Name of Company

Authorized Signature

Sr. VP of Advancement  
Title



# Purchasing & Central Services

Monroe County, New York

**Adam J. Bello**  
County Executive

**Colleen D. Anderson**  
Purchasing Manager

ADDENDUM NO: 2

RFP PROJECT: American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities

DATE: July 15, 2022

**PROPOSERS PLEASE NOTE:**

Attached please find the following:

1. Further Clarification of Requirements for ARPA RFP Proposers.

SIGN this Addendum below acknowledging receipt and understanding and INSERT in PROPOSAL packet.

**PURCHASING & CENTRAL SERVICES**

  
Colleen D. Anderson

The undersigned Respondent acknowledges receipt and understanding of Addendum No. 2 to the RFP for American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities.

7-18-22  
Date

Volunteers of America  
Name of Company

  
Authorized Signature

Jr. VP of Advancement  
Title

## **FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR ARPA RFP PROPOSERS**

### **American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities**

All costs submitted in the Budget Template will be reviewed and evaluated as part of the selection process. Please note that Monroe County reserves the right to: (1) reject any proposal that it determines, in its sole discretion, proposes a use of SLFRF Funds that is grossly disproportionate to the harm caused by COVID-19, and/or (2) reject in part or in its entirety any proposal received as a result of this RFP if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. This may result in only a portion of funds requested by a Respondent being awarded. Successful Respondents should demonstrate how they have identified partnerships and funding from other organizations to improve return on the County's investment in the proposal and further the long-term community goals of the ARPA Rules and Bring Monroe Back Recovery Plan.

For purposes of clarification, Monroe County is the "recipient" of SLFRF funds, as that term is used in guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Any entities with whom Monroe County contracts would be subrecipients and/or beneficiaries.

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3203

May 5, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Vice Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Hoeven  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy, Vice Chairman Shelby, Chair Baldwin, and Ranking Member Hoeven:

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2023 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration of these important requests.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senator

Cooperative Development Institute	Funding from this source will be used to act on the recommendations of a May 2017 analysis to relocate the retail business from its current location (2,500 square feet) to a new location with 4,000 to 4,500 square feet of sales area within one building. The overall size of a new Co-op building should be approximately 7,000 square foot to include offices, a classroom or meeting space, restrooms, back stock and general storage, a walk-in cooler, a walk-in freezer, and bakery and deli production areas; be fully ADA-compliant; be energy efficient; and, have a loading dock easily accessed by delivery trucks ranging in size from pick-ups to tractor trailers. According to the analysis, a new facility at the ideal location (along Market St. near its intersection with Sandstone Drive) will realize increased sales from \$1.8 million per year to \$4.5 million within four years, adding jobs incrementally.	Potsdam NY	\$250
Volunteers of America of Western New York, Inc.	Volunteers of America (VOA) is requesting funds to build a 1/4 acre hydroponic farm in the city of Rochester to provide healthy food for the people we serve in our human services programs (including our supportive housing programs for homeless individuals & families and our Children's Center) and economically disadvantaged people living in local neighborhoods. The farm, which will be built as a replicable model for future city-based hydroponic farms, will provide healthy food at affordable prices in an area of the city that is a known food desert, and provide jobs, vocational training opportunities, agritherapy for veterans experiencing PTSD and other mental health issues, nutritional programs, and serve as an educational/life sciences lab for programs held at Monroe Community College's downtown campus as well as local schools, including VOA's Pre-K/Head Start programs which serve 270+ children daily.	Rochester NY	\$1,000
The Center for Discovery, Inc.	The Center for Discovery seeks funding toward site development and equipment for its new Wellness Complex. This request is part of a larger project that includes the complete transformation of the former Frontier Insurance Building in Rock Hill, NY into a new statewide Children's Specialty Hospital, an outpatient Article 28 health clinic, and an expansion of The Center's current special education and daycare programs.	Rock Hill NY	\$1,095
MELROSE FIRE DISTRICT	Congressional funds will be used to support the replacement of the existing firehouse, originally built in 1953 with additions made in 1970, 1991 and 1999, due to significant structural, mechanical, electrical and ADA deficiencies consistent with the lifecycle of the various building sections. The project cost of \$4.5 million approved by the community's residents in 2021, is currently projected by the Fire District's architects to have increased between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 due to the current economic climate.	Schaghticoke, Pittstown, Brunswick, Mechanicville NY	\$1,000
Save the Sherburne Inn Restoration Project, Inc.	Requested funds will be used for kitchen buildout (first floor); repair of kitchen roof and west exterior wall of the building; elevator addition on west side of building; and buildout of sleeping rooms on second floor. Unexpended funds (approximately \$400,000) from the ESD Restore New York grant will be added to CDS funds, which will enable SSIRP to complete all of the above and open the Inn for business because it will then have a functioning restaurant and bar and one floor of sleeping rooms to offer the public.	Sheburne NY	\$1,000
Silver Bay YMCA	Funds supporting this project will be used to make greatly needed capital improvements to Silver Bay YMCA's 118-year-old wellness center, Fisher Gymnasium, in order to better serve our community. Renovations to the structure, air regulation system, plumbing infrastructure, roof and existing activity and meeting spaces will create a winterized, year-round facility that will offer programming designed to improve the health and wellbeing of seniors, youth, families, and adults within the rural communities of Silver Bay, Hague and Ticonderoga.	Silver Bay NY	\$1,100
Village of Stamford	The Village of Stamford wishes to expand its current Village Hall into the adjacent property, which holds two building and is already owned by the village. The Village would like to use the new property, which it already purchased in 2019, as an art gallery and exhibition space, as well as offices for civic-focused not-for-profit entities, such as the Stamford Business Alliance, Stamford Historical Society and Mount Utsayantha Regional Arts League (Mural). The main residential building is severely blighted and needs major renovation and restoration to become a usable space, which is what project funds will be used for. Once completed the property will create a "Village Hall Campus" where residents can visit, hold events and manage any Village and Community affairs.	Stamford NY	\$330



July 21, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Veterans Outreach Center, I'd like to provide our support for Volunteers of America's proposed hydroponic farm. Our partnership would benefit veterans struggling with PTSD in our local community, and VOC would have an opportunity to refer veterans in our programs to the VOA's hydroponic farm to work on agri-therapy programming that addresses PTSD.

In addition, VOA's proposed hydroponics farm will provide multiple benefits to the Rochester community as well as people served directly by VOA's programs. It will help to address the city's food desert problem, provide jobs and training opportunities and serve as an educational resource for local K-12 schools.

We believe that this project will help to promote mental health while contributing to the community's work to address physical health inequities in Rochester and should be considered for funding.

Sincerely,

Alec Andrest, Director of Program Operations

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Sara Passamonte  
President/Executive Director

July 18, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern:


On behalf of Compeer Rochester, I'd like to provide our support for Volunteers of America's proposed hydroponic farm. Our partnership would benefit veterans struggling with PTSD in our local community as we would have an opportunity to refer veterans in our programs to the VOA's hydroponic farm to work on agri-therapy programming that addresses PTSD.

Compeer Rochester's Veteran program, CompeerCORPS was able to provide a small Veteran community garden project, in conjunction with peer led zoom gardening classes during the Covid pandemic. We seen tremendous results from our participants such as decreased isolation, increased healthy eating and physical activity and increased sense of purpose; all of which help them combat their symptoms of PTSD. Many of the Veterans that participated in the community garden found it to be therapeutic and began gardening at home as a hobby.

In addition, VOA's proposed hydroponics farm will provide multiple benefits to the Rochester community as well as people served directly by VOA's programs. It will help to address the city's food desert problem, provide jobs and training opportunities, and serve as an educational resource for local K-12 schools.

We believe that this project will help to promote mental health while contributing to the community's work to address physical health inequities in Rochester and should be considered for funding.

Sincerely,  
  
Tracy Temple,  
Director of Programs  
US Navy Veteran

  
Sara Passamonte,  
Executive Director/President



United Way  
of Greater Rochester  
and the Finger Lakes

April 1, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes, I'd like to provide our support for Volunteers of America's proposed hydroponic farm. This innovative concept will help to address food insecurity among economically disadvantaged populations and promote an affordable option for nutritious food in the City of Rochester.

Studies have shown that 80% of a person's health and overall well-being is related to social determinants of health, which include access to nutritional food. VOA's proposed hydroponics farm will help to address this need and will provide additional benefits to the Rochester community as well as people served directly by VOA's programs. It will help to address the city's food desert problem, provide jobs and training opportunities and serve as an educational/life sciences lab for programs held at Monroe Community College's downtown campus, VOA's Children's Center and local K-12 schools.

For over a decade, the United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes have been a funder and supporter of the VOA. Currently, we are partnering on a Summer Kindergarten Readiness program, along with a history of afterschool support programs. We believe that VOA should receive federal funding to help build its proposed hydroponics farm. This project will help to address a primary social determinant of health and will contribute to the community's work to address health inequities in Rochester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Cathy".

Jennifer Cathy  
Chief Impact Officer  
United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes



**Anthony L. Jordan  
Health Center**

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**Urgent Care**

Tel: 585-426-7425 (I AM SICK)

**Brown Square Health Center**

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Rochester, NY 14608  
Tel: 585-254-6480

**Woodward Health Center**

480 Genesee Street  
Rochester, NY 14611  
Tel: 585-436-3040

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120 N. Main Street, Suite 11  
Canandaigua, NY 14424  
Tel: 585-396-0222

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Educational Campus**

950 Norton Street  
Rochester, NY 14621  
Tel: 585-324-3726

**Jordan Health at  
Glenwood Gardens**

41 Kestrel Street  
Rochester, NY 14613  
Tel: 585-423-5837

**Jordan Health at  
Kennedy Tower**

666 S. Plymouth Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14608  
Tel: 585-423-5836

**Jordan Health at  
Community Place**

145 Parsells Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14609  
Tel: 585-454-7530

**Jordan Health Link/WIC**

273 Upper Falls Boulevard  
Rochester, NY 14609  
Tel: 585-454-2630

**Jordan Health at VOA**

214 Lake Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14608  
Tel: 585-423-5800

July 20, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Jordan Health, I'd like to provide our support for Volunteers of America's proposed hydroponic farm. This innovative concept will help to address food insecurity among economically disadvantaged populations and promote an affordable option for nutritious food in the Northwest Quadrant of Rochester.

As a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) located in neighborhoods where the most pressing need exists, Jordan's roots are steeped in service to underserved and uninsured residents, meeting their demand for comprehensive health services. As such, we see the need for greater access to healthy food options, and we believe VOA's hydroponics farm can play an essential role in addressing this gap.

We believe there is an opportunity for a partnership for the farm as it will provide agritherapy programming and workforce development opportunities, as well as a storefront that will make healthy produce affordable and accessible to community members. Jordan Health would be able to refer clients from our programs directly to VOA's farm, which would be located right next door to our building on Lake Avenue.

VOA's proposed hydroponics farm will benefit the Rochester community and those served directly by VOA's programs. It will help to address the city's food desert problem, provide jobs and training opportunities and serve as an educational/life sciences lab for programs held at Monroe Community College's downtown campus, VOA's Children's Center, and local K-12 schools.

We believe this project will help address a primary social determinant of health and contribute to the community's work to address health inequities in Rochester and should be considered for federal funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janice Harbin'.

Janice Harbin, DDS  
President and CEO



**Monroe Community College**

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

**Kristin M. Sine-Kinz, M.B.A.**  
**Acting Vice President,**  
**Economic and Workforce Development**  
**and Career Technical Education**

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*STEWARDSHIP.*

July 20, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Monroe Community College, I would like to provide our support for Volunteers of America's proposed hydroponic farm. This innovative concept will help to address food insecurity among economically disadvantaged populations and promote an affordable option for nutritious food in the Northwest quadrant of Rochester.

Monroe Community College's Downtown Campus is located less than a mile from Volunteers of America's human services campus on Lake Avenue in Rochester where the hydroponics farm will be located. Based on our review of the Volunteers of America's Feasibility Study Proposal, we are excited about the opportunities for students in our Downtown Campus programs to have access to the farm for experiential experiences, studies, projects, and coursework.

In addition to providing learning opportunities for our students, VOA's proposed hydroponics farm will provide multiple benefits to the Rochester community as well as people served directly by VOA's programs. It will help to address the city's food desert problem, provide jobs and training opportunities, and serve as an educational resource for local K-12 schools.

We believe that this project will help to promote education while contributing to the community's efforts to address health inequities in Rochester. It should be considered for federal funding.

Sincerely,

Kristin M. Sine-Kinz  
Acting Vice President,  
Economic and Workforce Development  
and Career Technical Education



July 18, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Greater Rochester Enterprise to support Volunteers of America's proposed hydroponic farm. This innovative concept will help to address food insecurity among economically disadvantaged populations and promote an affordable option for nutritious food in the Northwest Quadrant of the City of Rochester.

Greater Rochester Enterprise (GRE) is an economic development organization committed to attracting new capital investments and new jobs throughout the Greater Rochester, NY region. GRE collaborates with companies, universities, not for profits and government officials to position the Greater Rochester, NY region as one of the most innovative regions in the world to support economic growth.

Volunteers of America's (VOA) proposed hydroponic farm will provide multiple benefits to the Rochester community and people served directly by VOA's programs. It will help to address Rochester's food desert, provide support for veterans experiencing PTSD, provide training and job opportunities for local residents and serve as an educational/life sciences lab for programs held at Monroe Community College's downtown campus, VOA's Children's Center and local K-12 schools.

We encourage your support for this important initiative and look forward to working with Volunteers of America to ensure success of this important program.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

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Matt Hurlbutt  
President & CEO