



# Monroe County Legislature

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LEGISLATOR - DISTRICT 15

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To the Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
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Rochester, New York 14614

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No.	<b>200309</b>
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Committee Assignment	
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**Subject: Amending Resolution 134 of 2020, Entitled "Accepting Grant from United States Treasury for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act," to Require the Filing of Weekly Expenditure Reports with the Legislature**

Honorable Legislators:

COVID-19 presented a myriad of challenges and unanticipated costs for local governments. Earlier this year, this Honorable Body accepted \$129+ million in federal funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in order to cover many of the costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding has helped support nearly every County department, and by extension, our entire community.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, this Honorable Body has been looking for innovative ways to make sure taxpayers are protected and supported. This includes making sure that regular government programs and operations are sustained while holding the line on property taxes and other fees and surcharges. To support this effort, this Honorable Body unanimously approved legislation authorizing intermunicipal agreements to use CARES Act funding to support local government units such as the City of Rochester, local towns and villages, and fire and school districts. To date no agreements have been executed despite requests from municipalities.

In the interest of legislative oversight, there have been numerous requests for tracking and reporting of expenses charged to CARES Act funding with limited response. As we approach the end of the life for this funding on December 30, 2020, it is imperative to thoroughly review the utilization of this funding with scrutiny, especially as there are many entities in our community that continue to seek support from the County. Though the County Executive has significant latitude to spend CARES Act funds without legislative approval, this is the taxpayer's money, and transparency should be paramount.

Therefore, I urge this Honorable Body to adopt a resolution that would require weekly legislative notification detailing charges against CARES Act funding received as part of resolution 134 of 2020. This notification should be prompt and thoroughly describe the specific amount of expenditure, a detailed description of the procured item(s) or service(s) as well as the name of the entity receiving the funding. This information is critical because these funds must be utilized by December 30, 2020 or returned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. It should also be noted the

funds may not be utilized to stockpile materials or utilize services delivered after December 30, 2020.

**The specific legislative action required is to amend Section 2 of Resolution 134 of 2020 to require the County Executive or his designee to file weekly reports with the Legislature detailing any expenses, charges, appropriations, encumbrances, commitments, postings, or transfers within general fund 9001, funds center 1209070100, State of Emergency.**

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an "Action" as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR 617.5(b), and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. This action will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George J. Hebert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

George J. Hebert  
Monroe County Legislator  
District 15

By Legislators \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Intro. No. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2020

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 134 OF 2020, ENTITLED "ACCEPTING GRANT FROM UNITED STATES TREASURY FOR CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT," TO REQUIRE FILING OF WEEKLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS WITH LEGISLATURE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Resolution 134 of 2020 is amended as follows:

The 2020 operating budget of the Department of Finance is hereby amended by appropriating the sum of \$129,433,144.90 into general fund 9001, funds center 1209070100, State of Emergency. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby required to file weekly reports with the Legislature detailing any expenses, charges, appropriations, encumbrances, commitments, postings, or transfers within general fund 9001, funds center 1209070100, State of Emergency. Such report shall include amounts committed, amounts paid, vendor names, and detailed descriptions of the goods or service procured. Reports shall be provided in written form and filed with the Clerk of the Legislature weekly through the end of the grant period.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

File No. 20-0\_\_\_\_  
Matter of Urgency

ADOPTION: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ VETOED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_