



Monroe County Legislature

VICE PRESIDENT
MERCEDES VAZQUEZ SIMMONS AND
LEGISLATOR
RACHEL BARNHART

June 10, 2024

To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
39 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14614

RE: Mandating regular reports to the Legislature on status of American Rescue Plan Act funds

Honorable Legislators,

Monroe County received \$144 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, an opportunity to make positive and strategic investments in our community. While there are federal regulations pertaining to ARPA compliance reporting, it is necessary for the Legislature to have our own comprehensive policy.

To perform our oversight responsibilities effectively, particularly as the deadline to obligate funds is at the end of the year, Legislators must have key information about this important program readily available, as should the general public.

This resolution requires the County Executive to submit monthly reports to the Legislature through December 31, 2024, and quarterly reports thereafter through March 31, 2027 that contain the following:

- Amount of remaining ARPA funds.
- Amount of ARPA funds that have not been appropriated by the Legislature.
- Balance remaining in each ARPA award.
- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds reports to the federal government as generated.
- Compliance reviews for each ARPA awardee as conducted.

In addition, this resolution would require the County Executive to provide the Legislature the findings of any audit of ARPA awards, including ones that may have taken place to date. All regular reports to the Legislature regarding ARPA funds would have to be posted on the County website.

Requiring regular information is in the spirit of transparency and accountability. The reporting schedule is reasonable, as the administration must keep all these records as part of its federal compliance reporting.

The legislation would have no impact on the 2024 Monroe County budget.

Sincerely,

Mercedes Vazquez Simmons
Vice President

Rachel Barnhart
Legislator – District 17

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2024

MANDATING REGULAR REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE ON STATUS OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

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

Section 1. The Monroe County Legislature requires the County Executive or his designee to provide regular reports on the status of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Section 2. The regular reports to the Legislature regarding American Rescue Plan Act funds shall contain the dollar amount of remaining unspent funds, the dollar amount of funds that have not been appropriated by the Legislature, the balance remaining in each award, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds reports to the federal government as generated, and compliance reviews for each awardee as conducted.

Section 3. The regular reports to the Legislature shall be made by the last day of every month starting the month the resolution passes, and through December 31, 2024, and thereafter by the end of each quarter through March 31, 2027.

Section 4. The County Executive or his designee shall provide the Legislature the findings of any audit of American Rescue Plan Act awards, including ones that have taken place to date.

Section 5. The County Executive or his designee shall post all regular reports as required by this resolution on the County website.

Section 6: This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

File No. 24-

ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____