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**MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES  
APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR \$6 MILLION IN ARPA  
GRANTS FOR NON-PROFITS AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC**

*Eligible organizations must be located in Qualified Census Tracts. Online application portal now open; submission deadline September 13, 2024*

Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced that non-profit organizations in Qualified Census Tracts can now apply for direct operating aid grants due to the lingering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$6 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant fund is part of a \$25 million ARPA package passed by the Monroe County Legislature on August 13, 2024.

“As our community continues to recover from the pandemic, many of our non-profits need support in meeting the increasing demand for essential services. Direct operating aid for these organizations is vital and will provide increased financial stability as they continue serving the needs of our residents,” **said County Executive Bello**. “Thank you to the Monroe County Legislature for unanimously supporting this effort to help us Bring Monroe Back stronger than ever. A special thank you to Congressman Joe Morelle and Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand for securing these transformative ARPA funds.”

To be eligible for the grant funding, applicants must:

- Be a non-profit corporation authorized to do business in New York State;
- Be registered with the New York Charities Bureau;
- Operate a physical location in a [Qualified Census Tract](#) in Monroe County from at least 2019 to the present
- Have at least 51% of operations take place in Qualified Census Tracts in Monroe County from at least 2019 to the present; and
- Have filed a Form 990 in 2022 and 2023.

"Our local non-profit organizations have always uplifted the families in our region who need them most," **said Congressman Joe Morelle**. "This funding will help organizations make ends meet and serve the growing demand for their essential services. I was proud to help secure ARPA funding for our community and I am grateful for County Executive Bello's partnership as our community continues to recover from the pandemic."

“Supporting our non-profits as they continue to navigate post-pandemic challenges is critical to the well-being of our community,” **said U.S. Senator Charles Schumer.** “Our local organizations are the backbone of Monroe County, and provide essential services to our most vulnerable residents. This funding opportunity through the *American Rescue Plan* I championed to passage will be a lifeline, making sure they can continue their vital work. I commend County Executive Bello and the Monroe County legislature for supporting this work to meet the needs of Monroe County’s residents.”

“Our nonprofit community is working to ensure county residents have the supportive services necessary to recover from pandemic era challenges,” **said Yversha Roman, President of the Monroe County Legislature.** “In return, we have a duty to ensure our nonprofit sector has the resources available to continue these efforts. I am pleased the work was done to get this much needed funding out to organizations on the ground doing the hard work to address the needs of Monroe County residents.”

The Request for Qualifications and additional eligibility requirements must be downloaded from: <https://webapps.monroecounty.gov/bid/list/rfps>. Applications must be submitted by September 13.

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