



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

April 9, 2021

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester to Accept Pass Through Funding from the United States Department of Justice for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester to accept pass through funding from the United States Department of Justice in the amount of \$64,310 for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023.

This grant will be used to continue partial funding of the salaries of two (2) Probation Officers who provide increased supervision to high-risk probationers with gang association and a history of violence through Operation Nightwatch. Reduced caseloads allow officers to invest more time in these cases, establish a rapport with the probationer and their families, and work with the probationer to eliminate risk factors associated with recidivism. Unannounced nighttime curfew checks, in collaboration with Rochester Police, provide accountability for Probation conditions. This collaboration brings the Rochester Police Department into homes or locations where the probationer frequents in a different context, and allows them to be part of the restorative process that is inherent in Probation work. This is the twenty-second year that Monroe County has received funding for this program. This cycle's funding represents a decrease of \$7,090 from the previous grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the City of Rochester to accept pass through funding from the United States Department of Justice in the amount of \$64,310 for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023.

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2. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
3. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

This is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this grant is included in the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Probation and Community Corrections, general fund 9001, funds center 2403040000, General Supervision.

This grant is 100% funded by the United States Department of Justice. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam J. Bello".

Adam J. Bello

Monroe County Executive

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