



# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

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

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| Committee Assignment                                                           |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY -L</b>                                                        |
| <b>WAYS &amp; MEANS</b>                                                        |

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for the FY2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, in the amount of \$339,396 for the FY2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

The purpose of the DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program is to increase the capabilities of the Monroe County Crime Laboratory DNA analysis section by providing supplies for casework, mandatory continuing education in human identification science, maintenance of equipment, and expenses related to the continued accreditation of the Laboratory. This program allows the Laboratory to provide more timely services to the region's law enforcement community and judicial system. This is the fifteenth year that the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents a decrease of \$83,666 from the previous grant.

## The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$339,396 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for the FY2020 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.
2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety by appropriating the sum of \$339,396 into general fund 9300, funds center 2408040100, Monroe County Crime Laboratory.
3. 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.

4. 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 action 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 (31) ("purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. No 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,



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