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Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Office of Victim Services for the Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of Sheriff Todd K. Baxter.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Victim Services in an amount not to exceed \$546,723 for the Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025.

The grant funds three (3) Crime Victim Specialist positions within the Office of the Sheriff. The Crime Victim Specialists provide a comprehensive program that engages victims at the crime scene or immediately thereafter and walks them through the criminal justice system as needed. Services provided include: crisis support service; outreach through the home, workplace and hospital; referral service; case status information and accompaniment; short term counseling for victims and their families; advocacy at court proceedings including the provision of information and accompaniment to court; and assistance with property recovery and reimbursement for lost wages and medical bills through New York State Office of Victim Services compensation claim assistance. The County has been receiving grant funding for this program since 1989. This year's funding is a decrease of \$19,153 from the previous three year contract period.

### The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$546,723 from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Victim Services for the Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025.

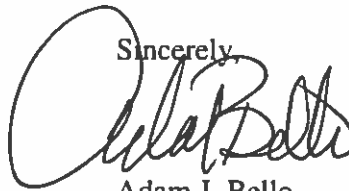
2. Amend the 2022 operating budget of the Sheriff's Office by appropriating \$182,240.86 into general fund 9300, funds center 3803110000, Victim Assistance Program.
3. Authorize the County Executive to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements 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 included 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.

This grant requires a 20% local match. This funding is included in the 2022 operating budget of the Sheriff's Office, general fund 9001, funds center 3803010000, Police Bureau Administration and will be requested in future year's budgets. 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 black ink, appearing to read "Adam J. Bello", written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

Adam J. Bello  
Monroe County Executive