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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 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Monroe County BIPOC Peer Advocate Training and Development Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA") in the amount of \$265,000 for the Monroe County BIPOC Peer Advocate Training and Development Program for the period of September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023.

This grant will provide free training and certification to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) individuals interested in becoming peer workers for mental health or substance use recovery services. SAMHSA defines peer workers as "people who have been successful in the recovery process who help others experiencing similar situations." The goal is to enhance mental health and substance treatment services while also diversifying peer advocate professionals throughout the county, as recommended in the Racial and Structural Equity ("RASE") Commission Report in 2021. This is the first year the County has received this funding.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a grant in the amount of \$265,000 from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the Monroe County BIPOC Peer Advocate Training and Development Program for the period of September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2023.
2. Amend the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health by appropriating the sum of \$265,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 5702030000, Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Services.
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 the 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 is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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