

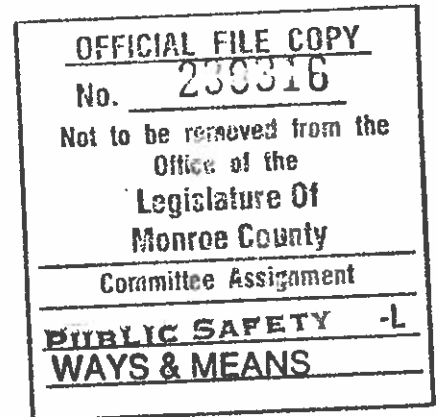


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

October 5, 2023



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

Subject: Authorize a Contract with the North American Family Institute for the Youth and Police Engagement Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with the North American Family Institute ("NAFI") in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for a youth and police engagement program for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one year terms in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 in the second year and \$18,000 in the third year.

Your Honorable Body approved Monroe County Department of Public Safety's Youth and Police Engagement Program as part of the County's American Rescue Plan Act funding under Resolution No. 342 of 2022. The goal of the program is to create positive change and improve the relationships between police departments, youth, and other law enforcement representatives. Ultimately, these improved relationships will increase trust between the community and law enforcement and help to mitigate a youth's involvement in the justice system. In addition, the program will develop youth leadership and advocacy skills while fostering a positive relationship between youth and the law enforcement officers that work in their communities.

NAFI works with officers and teenagers from mainstream and alternative public schools, neighborhood organizations, probation departments, youth development programs, and housing developments with documented success. Its program has been implemented in thirty-one cities across the United States including communities in downstate New York. The youth and police model offers training, train-the-trainer model services, coaching, curriculum, and materials to participating agencies.

A Request for Proposals was issued with the North American Family Institute selected as the most qualified to provide these services.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the North American Family Institute, 90 Maple Street Unit 2, Stoneham, MA 02180, for a youth and police engagement program in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one year terms in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 in the second year and \$18,000 in the third year.

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 agreement is included in the 2023 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, general fund 9301, funds center 2403020100 Juvenile Services Family Division. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

NAFI is a not-for-profit agency and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

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

Sincerely,


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