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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 Mental Health for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health in the amount of \$185,000 for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

The purpose of this grant is to support the design, implementation, and evaluation of peer-to-peer programs for veterans who are experiencing post-traumatic stress symptoms. The goals of the program are to provide outreach and education regarding available peer-to-peer counseling. It should also encourage family, friends, and community connectedness as well as provide access to suicide prevention/intervention measures. This is the ninth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents the same amount as last year.

This grant funds a contract with Compeer, Inc., which provides an array of services, including one-on-one peer mentoring, group sessions facilitated by peer mentors, and licensed therapists as consultants; and enhancement of social networking capabilities, virtual meeting spaces, and other technological tools designed to help veterans connect with one another remotely.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept at \$185,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Mental Health for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.
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 the 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 modify or terminate 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.

Funding for this grant is included in the 2023 operating budget of the Veterans Service Agency, general fund 9001, funds center 7401020000, Dwyer Peer to Peer Support.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health. 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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