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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 Division of Criminal Justice Services for Implementation of Components of an Action Plan to Address Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Youth Justice System

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$50,000 for implementation of components of a plan to address racial and ethnic disparities in the youth justice system for the period of June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2024.

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Youth Justice, the Center for Children's Law and Policy, and the New York State Youth Justice Institute have partnered to create a new training, technical assistance, and skill-building opportunity for youth justice professionals throughout the state known as the Policy Equity Academy. It is designed to support localities in their efforts to implement policies and reforms that target areas of significant racial and ethnic disparity in the youth justice system. The Policy Equity Academy consists of virtual skill-building and planning opportunities for local professionals that are designed to equip participants with the knowledge base and leadership skills to promote effective efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in their local jurisdictions. The Academy assists with the development of a local level action plan, and provides technical assistance and funding up to \$50,000 to support implementation of action plans.

In order to achieve the objectives of the Policy Equity Academy, the Monroe County Office of Probation and Community Corrections has developed a plan that utilizes support services, juvenile justice education, and group facilitation services to at-risk, juvenile justice-involved, and probation-involved youth in Monroe County. The plan's objectives are to increase the number of youth of color who are offered, engage with, and successfully complete adjustment services, and decrease the number of youth of color referred to the presentment agency for petitions. This is the first time the County has received this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$50,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for implementation of components of a plan to address racial and ethnic disparities in the youth justice system for the period of June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2024.

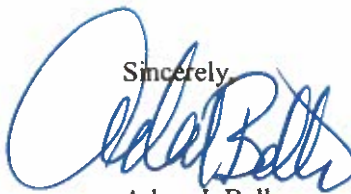
2. Amend the 2023 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Probation and Community Corrections, by appropriating the sum of \$50,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 2403020100, Juvenile Services Family Division.
3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent 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 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 is 100% funded by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. 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