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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 the Crimes Against Revenue Program

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of $208,000 to continue the Crimes Against Revenue Prosecution Program in the District Attorney's Office for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

This grant will provide funding to support a portion of the cost of three (3) full-time Assistant District Attorneys and one (1) part-time Assistant District Attorney. The Assistant District Attorneys will investigate and prosecute individuals and businesses operating in Monroe County that violate tax laws, recoup revenue lost due to non-compliance, and increase voluntary compliance with applicable tax laws. In addition, crimes involving failure to collect, report, and pay New York State taxes involving welfare benefits, unemployment insurance benefits and workers' compensation payments will also be investigated and prosecuted by program staff. This will be the nineteenth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding is the same amount received in last year's award.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a $208,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Crimes Against Revenue Program in the District Attorney's Office for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 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 encumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.

3. 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 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 2024 operating budget of the District Attorney's Office, general fund 9300, funds center 2510010000, Public Corruption/Economic Crime Bureau.

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

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