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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 an amount not to exceed \$197,864 for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

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 eleventh year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents an increase of \$5,464 from last year.

This grant funds our efforts in support of veterans including the contract for the Compeer, Inc. for the Compeer Corps Peer Mentoring program. Compeer, Inc. 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 a grant in an amount not to exceed \$197,864, 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 January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
2. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Veterans Service Agency by appropriating the sum of \$5,464 into general fund 9001, funds center 7401020000, Dwyer Peer to Peer Support.

3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to re-appropriate any unencumbered 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.
4. 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 is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management not including new programs and major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Partial funding for this grant is included in the 2025 operating budget of the Veterans Service Agency, general fund 9001, funds center 7401020000, Dwyer Peer to Peer Support. The appropriated amount will adjust the current funding to that established by the grant.

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
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