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

Subject: Amend Resolution 289 of 2022 to Accept Additional Funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services and to Extend the Time Period for the Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of Sheriff Todd K. Baxter.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 289 of 2022 to accept additional funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services in the amount of \$182,241 for the Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program, and to extend the time period through September 30, 2026.

This grant funds three (3) Crime Victim Specialist positions within the Sheriff's Office. The Crime Victim Specialists provide a comprehensive program that engages victims at the crime scene or immediately thereafter and walks them through the criminal justice system as needed. Services provided include: crisis support service; outreach through the home, workplace and hospital; referral service; case status information and accompaniment; short term counseling for victims and their families; advocacy at court proceedings including the provision of information and accompaniment to court; and assistance with property recovery and reimbursement for lost wages and medical bills through New York State Office of Victim Services compensation claim assistance. The County has been receiving grant funding for this program since 1989. The original award from a competitive RFA was rejected by New York State Comptroller's office, therefore it was decided to provide one-year extensions on current awards.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 289 of 2022 to accept an additional \$182,241 from, and to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Office of Victim Services for the Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program bringing the total award to \$728,964, and to extend the time period through September 30, 2026.
2. Amend the 2025 operating grant budget of the Office of the Sheriff by appropriating the sum of \$182,241 into general fund 9300, funds center 3803010000, Police Bureau Administration.

3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant awards in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any encumbered balances during the grant periods according to the grantor requirements, to make any necessary funding modifications with the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.

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.

This grant is 100% funded by New York State Office of Victim 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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