

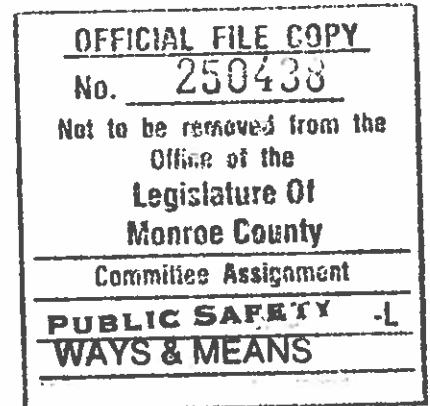


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

December 5, 2025



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

Subject: Amend Resolution 305 of 2022 to Accept Additional Funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services and to Extend the Time Period for the Victim and Witness Assistance Program for the District Attorney's Office

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of District Attorney Brian P. Green.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 305 of 2022 to accept additional funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services in the amount of \$259,856 for the Victim and Witness Assistance Program in the District Attorney's Office, and to extend the time period for one (1) year through September 30, 2026.

The Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program funds a portion of the salary of three (3) existing full-time Crime Victim Specialist positions and two (2) existing full-time Victim Witness Advocate positions in the District Attorney's Office. In addition, the funding covers the costs of four (4) cell phones and grant-mandated travel for training. Crime Victim Specialists and Victim Witness Advocates provide support services to felony and misdemeanor crime victims who find the judicial process a bewildering and often traumatic experience. Advocates orient victims and witnesses to procedures, assist in arranging court appearances, and help victims obtain victim compensation, among other services. The additional funding will bring the grant total to \$1,039,424.

The specific legislative actions required are:

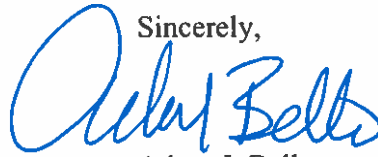
1. Amend Resolution 305 of 2022 to accept an additional \$259,856 from, and to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Office of Victim Services for the Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program in the District Attorney's Office, bringing the total program award to \$1,039,424, and to extend the time period for one (1) year through September 30, 2026.

2. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the District Attorney's Office by appropriating the sum of \$259,856 into general fund 9300, funds center 2501010000, DA Central Administration.
3. 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, and 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.

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.

This grant is 100% funded by the 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
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