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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from New York State Office of Mental Health for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program and Authorize a Contract with Compeer, Inc.

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health, in the amount of \$185,000, for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program, and authorize a contract with Compeer, Inc., in the amount of \$170,000, to provide comprehensive peer-to-peer services, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

The purpose of this grant is to design, implement and evaluate veteran 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 fourth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents the same amount as last year.

Compeer, Inc. will provide 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.

A request for proposals was issued with Compeer, Inc. selected as the most qualified to provide this service.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept at \$185,000 grant from, 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 July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Compeer, Inc., 259 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607, to provide comprehensive peer-to-peer mentoring services for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program, in the amount of \$170,000, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
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, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the 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 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.

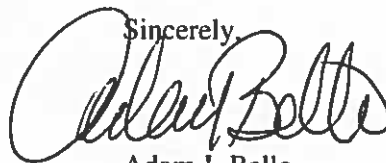
This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this grant is included in the 2020 operating budget of the Veterans Service Agency, general fund 9001, funds center 7401020000, Dwyer Peer to Peer Support.

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.

Compeer, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

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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