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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 Victim Services 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 accept a grant from the New York State Office of Victim Services in the amount of \$453,275 for the Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028.

The grant funds three (3) existing 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. This year's funding is a decrease of \$93,448 from the previous three-year contract period.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$453,275 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Office of Victim Services for the Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028.
2. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Sheriff Office by appropriating the sum of \$151,092 into general fund 9300, funds center 3803010000, Police Bureau Administration.
3. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate 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 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.

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
Monroe County Executive