Intro. No
RESOLUTION NO OF 2017
AMENDING RESOLUTION 170 OF 2016 TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES AND EXTEND TIME PERIOD FOR VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:
Section 1. Section 1 of Resolution 170 of 2016 is amended as follows:
The County Executive, or her designee, is hereby authorized to accept a \$472,775 \$901,496 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Victim Services, for the Victim and Witness Assistance Program, bringing the total program award to \$901,496, for the District Attorney's Office, for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017 2019.
Section 2. The 2017 operating budget of the District Attorney's Office is hereby amended by appropriating the sum of \$428,721 into general fund 9300, funds center 2501010000, DA Central Administration.
Section 3. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.
Public Safety Committee; May 22, 2017 - CV: 7-0 Ways and Means Committee; May 23, 2017 - CV: 10-0 File No. 17-0161
ADOPTION: Date: Vote:
ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
APPROVED: VETOED:
SIGNATURE: DATE:
EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION:



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MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Cheryl Dinolfo
County Executive

May 5, 2017

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Committee Assignment

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WAYS & MEANS

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

Subject:

Amend Resolution 170 of 2016 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 Sandra Doorley.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 170 of 2016 to accept additional funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services, in the amount of \$428,721, for the Victim and Witness Assistance Program, for the District Attorney's Office, and to extend the time period for two (2) years through September 30, 2019.

The Victim and Witness Assistance Program funds a portion of the salary of five (5) full-time Victim Witness Advocate positions in the District Attorney's Office. In addition, the funding covers the costs of grant-mandated travel for training, and administrative costs associated with preparation of quarterly reports. Victim Witness Advocates provide support service 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 \$901.496.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 170 of 2016 to accept an additional \$428,721 from, and to authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Victim Services, for the Victim and Witness Assistance Program, for the District Attorney's Office, bringing the total program award to \$901,496, and to extend the time period for two (2) years through September 30, 2019.

2. Amend the 2017 operating budget of the District Attorney's Office by appropriating the sum of \$482,721 into general fund 9300, funds center 2501010000, DA Central Administration.

Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

By Resolution 304 of 2014, this grant requires a 20% local match. The additional match funding is included in the 2017 operating budget of the District Attorney's Office, general fund 9001, funds center 2501010000, DA Central Administration, and will be requested in future years' budgets.

This grant is funded by the New York State Office of Victim Services. No additional 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,

Monroe County Executive

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