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

Subject:

Amend Resolution 171 of 2016 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 Patrick M. O'Flynn."

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 171 of 2016 to accept additional funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services, in the amount of \$552,445, for the Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program, and to extend the time period for two (2) years through September 30, 2019.

The Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program funds three (3) Senior Victim Advocate positions within the Office of the Sheriff. The advocates 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, short term counseling for victims and their families, advocacy court procedure information and accompaniment, assistance with property recovery and reimbursement assistance for lost wages and medical bills through compensation claims assistance. In addition, the funding covers the costs of grant-mandated travel for training, and administrative costs associated with preparation of quarterly reports. The additional funding will bring the grant total to \$1,150,485.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 171 of 2016 to accept an additional \$552,445 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 Sheriff's Victim Assistance Program, bringing the total program award to \$1,150,485, and to extend the time period for two (2) years through September 30, 2019.

2. Amend the 2017 operating budget of the Sheriff's Office by appropriating the sum of \$552,445 into general fund 9300, funds center 3803110000, Victim Assistance Program.

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

By Resolution 303 of 2014, this grant requires a 20% local match. The additional match funding is included in the 2017 operating budget of the Sheriff's Office, general fund 9001, funds center 3803110000, Victim Assistance Program, 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,

Cheryl Dinolfo

Monroe County Executive

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