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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 Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Crimes Against Revenue Program

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 accept a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, in the amount of \$203,169, to continue the Crimes Against Revenue Program in the District Attorney's Office, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

This grant will provide funding to support a portion of the cost of three (3) full-time Assistant District Attorneys, and one (1) full-time clerical support position. The Assistant District Attorneys will investigate and prosecute individuals and businesses operating in Monroe County that violate tax laws, recoup revenue lost due to non-compliance, and to increase voluntary compliance with applicable tax laws. In addition to crimes involving failure to collect, report, and pay New York State taxes involving welfare benefits, unemployment insurance benefits and workers' compensation payments will also be investigated and prosecuted by program staff. The funding also covers the costs of travel for the purpose of training program staff about issues related to crimes against revenue. This will be the twelfth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents the same amount as last year.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a \$203,169 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the Crimes Against Revenue Program in the District Attorney's Office, for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
2. 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, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.

3. 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.

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

Funding for this grant is included in the proposed 2017 operating budget of the District Attorney's Office, general fund 9300, funds center 2510010000, Economic Crime Bureau.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice 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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