



MONROE COUNTY

Public Safety Committee

November 25, 2025 5:30 PM

AGENDA

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. PUBLIC FORUM
- D. PRESENTATIONS

Jennifer Cesario, Chief Financial Officer, Proposed 2026 Monroe County Budget, as it pertains to the Public Safety Committee

- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 27, 2025

- F. NEW BUSINESS

25-0366

Amend Resolution 157 of 2024 to Amend the International Agreement with the City of Rochester Regarding the City of Rochester's Use of the Monroe County Jail for the Detention of Non-Arraigned Detainees and Arrestees - County Executive Adam J. Bello

25-0367

Authorize a Contract with Savant Advisors to Provide a Qualified Consultant for Monitoring Medical Services at the Monroe County Jail - County Executive Adam J. Bello

25-0368

Authorize a Contract with the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry for Staff and Christian Material to Provide Counseling and Programs for the Incarcerated Individuals at the Monroe County Jail and Monroe Correctional Facility - County Executive Adam J. Bello

25-0369

Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the FY2022 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program - County Executive Adam J. Bello

25-0370

Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. for DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Enforcement and Authorize Agreements with Ten Municipalities and Two State Entities - County Executive Adam J. Bello

25-0371

Authorize Intermunicipal Agreements with Ten Municipalities for the STOP-DWI Law Enforcement Program - County Executive Adam J. Bello

25-0372

Acceptance of a Grant from New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Office of the Public Defender for the Provision of the Fifth Counsel at First Appearance Program - County Executive Adam J. Bello

G. OTHER MATTERS

H. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is Scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.



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2026 Budget Presentation to the Public Safety Committee

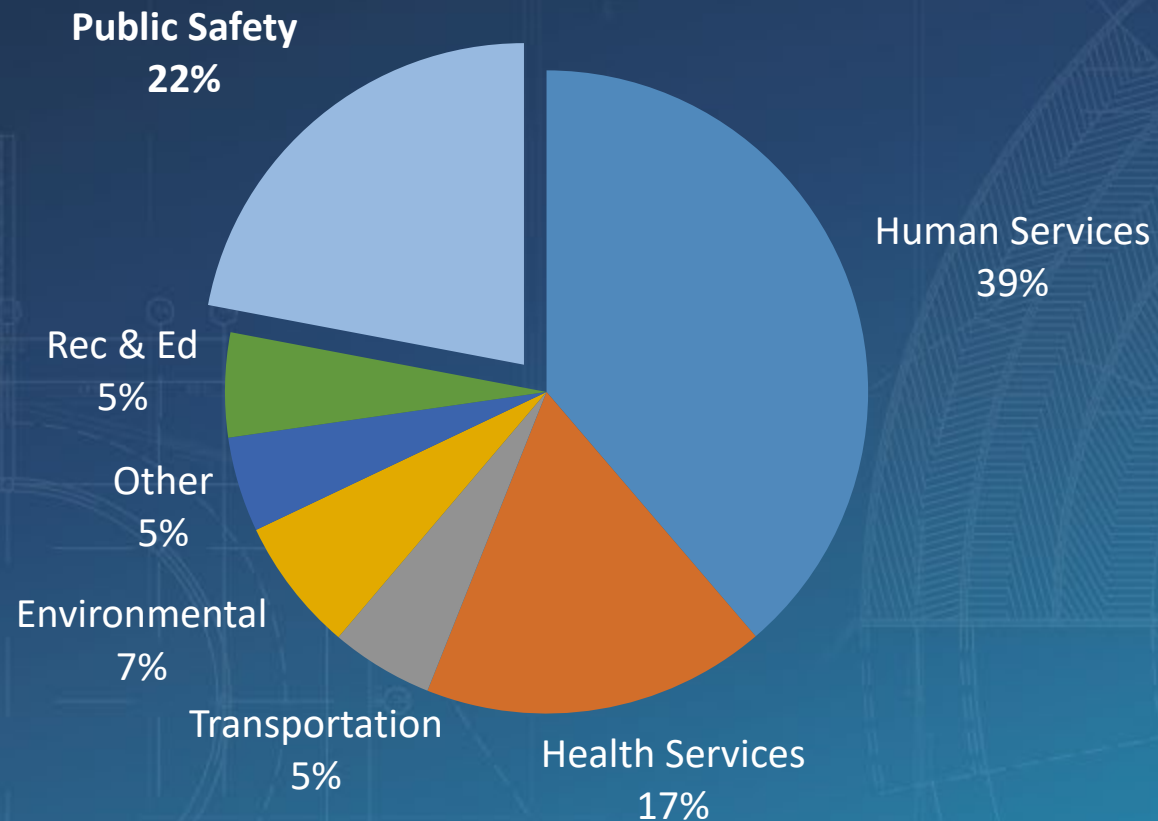
ADAM J. BELLO
MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 25, 2025

JENNIFER CESARIO
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Budgeted Public Safety Spending

Total Budgeted Spending = \$1,567,679,468



Public Safety Appropriations

in millions

	2025 <u>Adopted</u>	2025 <u>Amended</u>	2026 <u>Proposed</u>
Sheriff	\$ 201.3	\$ 202.2	\$ 213.5
Public Safety	\$ 90.8	\$ 96.4	\$ 92.7
District Attorney	\$ 24.4	\$ 27.8	\$ 26.3
Public Defender	<u>\$ 10.4</u>	<u>\$ 15.8</u>	<u>\$ 10.3</u>
	\$ 326.9	\$ 342.2	\$ 342.8

Office of the Sheriff

	2025 Adopted	2025 Amended	2026 Proposed
Administration	\$ 5,937,019	\$ 5,937,019	\$ 6,331,467
Civil Bureau	\$ 2,169,213	\$ 2,169,213	\$ 2,432,384
Police Bureau	\$ 60,232,518	\$ 63,144,563	\$ 65,725,110
Jail Bureau	\$ 97,817,462	\$ 96,093,193	\$ 102,077,911
Court Security	\$ 17,934,022	\$ 17,934,822	\$ 18,788,819
Staff Services Bureau	\$ 17,196,270	\$ 16,902,239	\$ 18,101,197
Total Appropriations	\$ 201,286,504	\$ 202,181,019	\$ 213,456,888
Revenues	\$ 30,739,939	\$ 31,634,484	\$ 27,575,521
Net County Support	\$ 170,546,565	\$ 170,546,565	\$ 185,881,367

Department of Public Safety

	2025 Adopted	2025 Amended	2026 Proposed
Payroll and Benefits	\$ 30,998,744	\$ 33,198,689	\$ 33,409,440
Contractual Services	\$ 46,112,447	\$ 48,480,452	\$ 45,329,830
Supplies, Materials, Asset Equipment	\$ 969,765	\$ 2,001,404	\$ 1,300,887
Debt Service / Cash Capital	\$ 4,198,587	\$ 4,198,587	\$ 2,244,244
Interdepartment Charges	\$ 8,490,019	\$ 8,490,019	\$ 10,440,887
Total Appropriations	\$ 90,769,562	\$ 96,369,151	\$ 92,725,288
Total Revenues	\$ 21,344,836	\$ 26,944,425	\$ 23,854,698
Net County Support	\$ 69,424,726	\$ 69,424,726	\$ 68,870,590

Office of the District Attorney

	<u>2025 Adopted</u>	<u>2025 Amended</u>	<u>2026 Proposed</u>
Administration & Support Services	\$ 9,709,335	\$ 11,587,569	\$ 9,781,237
Local Courts/Trial Divisions/Special Prosecution	\$ 10,277,417	\$ 11,817,721	\$ 12,337,657
Pre-Trial Services	\$ 3,000,131	\$ 3,000,131	\$ 2,570,863
Appeals	<u>\$ 1,426,347</u>	<u>\$ 1,426,347</u>	<u>\$ 1,642,427</u>
Total Appropriations	\$ 24,413,230	\$ 27,831,768	\$ 26,332,184
Revenues	<u>\$ 3,926,016</u>	<u>\$ 7,344,554</u>	<u>\$ 6,028,860</u>
Net County Support	\$ 20,487,214	\$ 20,487,214	\$ 20,303,324

Office of the Public Defender

	2025 Adopted	2025 Amended	2026 Proposed
Appropriations	\$ 10,363,746	\$ 15,819,936	\$ 10,311,496
Revenues	\$ 312,086	\$ 5,768,276	\$ 312,086
Net County Support	\$ 10,051,660	\$ 10,051,660	\$ 9,999,410



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Summary of Minutes
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
October 27, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Long (Chair), Howard Maffucci (Vice Chair), *Santos Cruz, Susan Hughes-Smith, Mercedes Vazquez Simmons, William Burgess, Paul Dondorfer (RMM), Robert Colby, Tracy DiFlorio, Richard B. Milne, Jackie Smith, Yversha Román (Ex Officio)

*Note: *Legislator Participated Via Videoconference*

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Blake Keller, Steve Brew, Michael Yudelson, John B. Baynes, Ricky Frazier

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Jennifer Cesario (CFO), Matthew Schwartz (County Attorney), Brendon Fleming (Deputy County Attorney), Miguel Munoz (Deputy County Attorney), Tim Henry (Public Safety Deputy Director), Adrienne Green (Legislative Liaison), Richard Tantalo (Public Safety Director), Jennifer Curley (Sheriff Admin), Sean Murphy (DES), Ana Liss (Planning Director), Pat Meredith (Parks Director), Bob Kiley (Parks Deputy Director)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Chairman Dave Long

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of September 30, 2025 were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 25-0318 -** Acceptance of a Grant from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the FY2022 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program (Enhancement) – County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Maffucci, SECONDED by Legislator Vazquez Simmons.

ADOPTED: 11-0

- 25-0319 -** Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the Police Traffic Services Program - County Executive Adam J. Bello

MOVED by Legislator Maffucci, SECONDED by Legislator Vazquez Simmons.

ADOPTED: 11-0

OTHER MATTERS:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other matters, Chairman Long adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

The next Public Safety Committee Meeting **will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
David Grant
Clerk of the Legislature



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Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

November 7, 2025

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

Subject: Amend Resolution 157 of 2024 to Amend the Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester Regarding the City of Rochester's Use of the Monroe County Jail for the Detention of Non-Arraigned Detainees and Arrestees

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 amend Resolution 157 of 2024 to amend the intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester ("City"), permitting the City to use the Monroe County Jail to detain non-arraigned detainees and arrestees, and to pay the County a nominal booking fee of \$50 for non-arraigned prisoners, except in the case of a New York City warrant suspect being held at which time the rate shall be the U.S. Marshal Service's Detention Services Intergovernmental Agreement rate with the County of \$175. All other terms and conditions are to remain the same.

Effective April 1, 2025, the Centralized Arraignment Part Court ("CAP") went into effect in which all non-arraigned prisoners held by any law enforcement agency in Monroe County will be held in the Monroe County Jail pending CAP arraignment. The County does not charge law enforcement agencies for this service. With the exception of the Rochester Police Department, all law enforcement agencies in Monroe County book their own prisoners prior to them being held at the jail for CAP. The City is included in the CAP plan, and as a result the amount charged to the City is reduced from \$122.13 to the nominal booking rate of \$50.00.

The amendment is necessary to change the fee structure charged to the City from the per-diem rate set forth in the U.S. Marshal Service's Detention Services Intergovernmental Agreement with the County ("USM IGA") of \$122.13 per non-arraigned detainee and arrestee, to a nominal booking charge of \$50 per non-arraigned detainee and arrestee, except in the case of a New York City warrant suspect being held at which time the rate shall be the USM IGA rate with the County of \$175. This reduced fee rate shall be effective of April 1, 2025, the date CAP went into effect. The remaining terms of the resolution shall remain the same.

The specific legislative action required is to amend Resolution 157 of 2024 to amend the intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester permitting the City to use the Monroe County Jail for the detention of non-arraigned detainees and arrestees and to pay the County a nominal booking fee of \$50.00 for non-arraigned prisoners, except in the case of a New York City warrant suspect being held at which time the rate shall be the U.S. Marshal Service's Detention Services Intergovernmental Agreement rate with the County of \$175. All other terms and conditions are to remain the same.

This action 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 review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This agreement is revenue generating and no net County support is reported 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



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Adam J. Bello
County Executive

November 7, 2025

To The Honorable
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Subject: Authorize a Contract with Savant Advisors to Provide a Qualified Consultant for Monitoring Medical Services at the Monroe County Jail

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 authorize a contract with Savant Advisors in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to provide a qualified consultant for monitoring medical services at the Monroe County Jail for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties.

Under this agreement, Savant Advisors will provide a qualified consultant to conduct regular contract monitoring audits both on-site and off-site of the medical and mental health services provided to the incarcerated individuals at the Monroe County Jail. Duties will include case analysis, staffing analysis, medical chart review and monitoring, and on-site monitoring visits.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Savant Advisors, P.O. Box 1449, Island Heights, NJ 08732, in an amount not to exceed not to exceed \$45,000 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties.

This action 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 review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this contract is included in the proposed 2026 operating budget of the Sheriff's Office, general fund 9001, funds center 3804090000, Jail Medical, and will be requested in future years budgets. 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,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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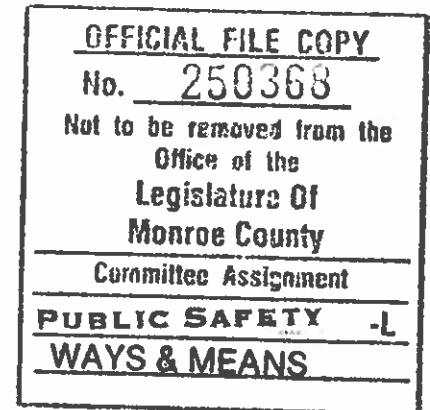


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To The Honorable
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Subject: Authorize a Contract with the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry for Staff and Christian Material to Provide Counseling and Programs for the Incarcerated Individuals at the Monroe County Jail and Monroe Correctional Facility

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 authorize a contract with the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry in the amount of \$31,548 for staff to provide non-denominational spiritual programs, individual counseling, and guidance to incarcerated persons at the Monroe County Jail and the Monroe Correctional Facility for the period of February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, with the option to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties and in an amount increasing by 3% each year (\$32,494.44 for first renewal and \$33,469.27 for second renewal).

The Good News Jail and Prison Ministry currently provide staff and volunteers to distribute Christian material, conduct programs, and provide counseling to incarcerated individuals in the Monroe County Jail and Monroe Correctional Facility.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry, 2704 Enterprise Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294, for staff to provide non-denominational spiritual programs, individual counseling, and guidance to incarcerated persons at the Monroe County Jail and the Monroe Correctional Facility in an amount not to exceed \$31,548 for the period of February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, with the option to extend the contract for up to two (2) additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties with the first renewal in an amount not to exceed \$32,494.44 and the second renewal in an amount not to exceed \$33,469.27.

This action 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 review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

The Good News Jail and Prison Ministry is a not-for-profit entity, and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

Funding for this contract is included in the Sheriff's Office Jail Commissary Trust Fund 9618. 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,



Adam J. Bello
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Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the FY2022 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$95,436 for the FY2022 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program for the period of August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services provides funding to support the continued development of the community's technical rescue capabilities. The intent of this grant is to promote regional partnerships using local agency support for technical rescue field response and operations. This program directly supports the on-going activities of the Monroe County Special Operations Unit and its regional partners

Specifically, this grant will enhance the ability to respond to technical rescue incidents in the areas of structural collapse, rope rescue, and related low-frequency/high risk events. This is the twelfth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents a decrease of \$30,902 from the previous grant.

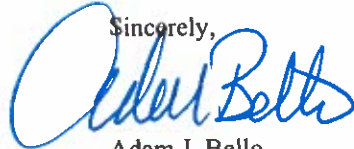
The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$95,436 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the FY2022 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program for the period of August 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.
2. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety by appropriating the sum of \$95,436 into general fund 9300, funds center 2408020100, Mutual Aid Fire Bureau.
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 Federal Department of Homeland Security (administered by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency 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



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Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. for DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Enforcement and Authorize Agreements with Ten Municipalities and Two State Entities

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 for DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Enforcement for the Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Sheriff for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and to authorize agreements with the City of Rochester, nine towns and villages in Monroe County with local police departments, the State University of New York at Brockport, and the New York State Police (Genesee Region) for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

The purpose of this grant is to reimburse local law enforcement agencies for overtime incurred during High Visibility Engagement Campaigns. The High Visibility Engagement Campaigns will be concerted efforts among the different police agencies to deploy extra patrols during specified holiday weekends in order to minimize the number of impaired driving crashes. Funding is in the amount of \$44,000 for the Department of Public Safety and in the amount of \$6,000 for the Sheriff's Office. This will be the 15th year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents an increase of \$3,000 from last year.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$50,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. for DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Enforcement for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.
2. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety by appropriating the sum of \$44,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 2405040000, STOP-DWI Enforcement Agency Support.
3. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Office of the Sheriff by appropriating the sum of \$6,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 3803010000, Police Bureau Administration.

4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute agreements, and any amendments thereto, including reallocations of any unused amounts, with the governmental entities listed below, for DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Enforcement in the amount of \$44,000 for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026:

<u>Governmental Entity</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Brighton	\$7,000
Brockport	1,500
East Rochester	1,500
Fairport	1,500
Gates	6,500
Greece	6,000
Irondequoit	6,000
Ogden	1,500
Rochester	7,000
Webster	2,500
SUNY Brockport	1,500
NYS Park Police (Genesee Region)	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL	\$44,000

5. 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.
6. 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 action 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 New York State STOP-DWI Foundation, Inc. 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,



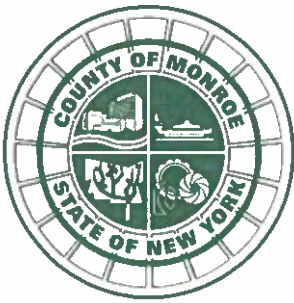
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To The Honorable
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Subject: Authorize Intermunicipal Agreements with Ten Municipalities for the STOP-DWI Law Enforcement Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize intermunicipal agreements with the ten municipalities within Monroe County that have local police departments for the STOP-DWI Law Enforcement Program in the total amount of \$105,693 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

These agreements will reimburse local police departments for enforcement efforts during 2026. The funding formula includes a base allocation of \$3,000 per police department, plus a percentage of the remaining funding derived from the 2024 DWI arrest totals of each law enforcement agency. Additional funding for Victim Impact Panel ("VIP") responsibilities is allocated to reimburse each participating law enforcement agency for security and general support, and is derived from fees paid by offenders to attend the panel.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute intermunicipal agreements, and any amendments thereto, with the City of Rochester and the nine towns and villages listed below for the STOP-DWI Law Enforcement Program in the total amount of \$105,693 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Brighton	\$ 6,079
Brockport	4,811
East Rochester	4,359
Fairport	3,724
Gates	13,234
Greece	15,589
Irondequoit	12,963
Ogden	4,359
Rochester (VIP \$8,400)	33,318
Webster	7,257
TOTAL	\$105,693

This action 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.

Funding for these agreements is included in the proposed 2026 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, general fund 9001, funds center 2405040000, STOP-DWI Enforcement Agency Support and funds center 2405050000, STOP DWI Victim Impact Panel. These funds are generated from local DWI fines and VIP fees. 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

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To The Honorable
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Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Office of the Public Defender for the Provision of the Fifth Counsel at First Appearance Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services in the amount of \$750,000 for the Fifth Counsel at First Appearance program in the Office of the Monroe County Public Defender for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

The Office of the Public Defender will use the funding for part or all of the salary costs equivalent to three (3) existing full-time Assistant Public Defender positions. This grant funding will be used to continue to provide indigent legal services at court arraignments. This is the fifth time the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents the same amount as the last time the County received this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$750,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Office of the Monroe County Public Defender for the provision of indigent legal services for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.
2. Amend the 2026 operating budget of the Office of the Public Defender by appropriating the sum of \$250,000, into general fund 9300; funds center 2601010000, Office of the Public Defender.
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 action 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 Indigent Legal 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

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