MEMORANDUM

TO:         Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media
FROM:       Jamie L. Slocum, Clerk of the Legislature
DATE:       September 15, 2015
RE:         Matter of Importance – File No. 15-0294

15-0267 – Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Domestic Violence Bureau in the District Attorney’s Office – As A Matter of Importance – County Executive Maggie Brooks

This referral was not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on September 8, 2015, but has been determined by President Jeffrey R. Adair to be of sufficient importance to warrant referral between Legislative meetings, pursuant to Section 545-24 (C) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachment.
September 15, 2015

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 Domestic Violence Bureau in 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 accept a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, in the amount of $50,000, for the Domestic Violence Bureau in the District Attorney’s Office, for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

This grant will fund the salary and benefits of an existing full-time Investigator position in the District Attorney’s Office. The Investigator will assist prosecutors by collecting statements and other evidence, and by providing support service to victims of domestic violence and their families, who may find the judicial process to be a traumatic experience. The Investigator orients victims to procedures, assists in arranging court appearances, and helps victims to obtain services from community organizations. This is the first year that the District Attorney’s Office has received this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a $50,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Domestic Violence Bureau Grant in the District Attorney’s Office, for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.
2. Amend the 2015 operating grant budget of the District Attorney's Office by appropriating the sum of $50,000 into fund 9300, funds center 2505010000, Special Victims Trial Division 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, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual requirements.

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.

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

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

[Signature]
Maggie Brooks
County Executive