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Monroe County, New York

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the Comprehensive Toxicology Testing in Driving Under the Influence and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs Program (Office of the Medical Examiner)

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$52,545 for the Comprehensive Toxicology Testing in Driving Under the Influence and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs Program for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

The purpose of this grant is to improve highway safety by expanding the forensic toxicology services provided by the Office of the Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Laboratory ("Tox Lab") in alcohol and drugged driving impairment cases. The Tox Lab provides alcohol and comprehensive drug testing as well as expert testimony in driving impairment cases. This grant will also allow the Tox Lab to perform the research, method development, and validation necessary to expand the scope of its drugged driving testing to include many of the new synthetic opioids and other novel compounds currently being widely abused and to analyze regional trends in drugged driving. In addition, the grant provides training funds to enhance the expertise of analysts when testifying regarding the effects of drugs on driving performance. This will be the ninth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents a decrease of \$7,125 from last year.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$52,545 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for the Comprehensive Toxicology Testing in Driving Under the Influence and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs Program for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
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.

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 this grant is included in the proposed 2021 operating budget of the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds center 5804020100, Forensic Lab/DUI.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. 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,



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