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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from Health Research, Inc. for the Overdose Data to Action Program (Office of the Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Laboratory)

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from Health Research, Inc., in the amount of \$44,595, for the Overdose Data to Action Program (Office of the Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Laboratory), for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

The purpose of this grant is to support quality postmortem toxicology testing in the Monroe County Office of the Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Laboratory. This program provides postmortem forensic toxicology services to aid in the determination of cause and manner of deaths. Funds will be used to purchase standards and supplies necessary to analyze for prescription medications and commonly distributed illicit drugs and for preventive and routine maintenance of several laboratory instruments including Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometers, Liquid Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometers, and Headspace Gas Chromatographs. These technologies are integral to the analytical capabilities of the laboratory. This is the first year the County will receive this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$44,595 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, Health Research, Inc., for the Overdose Data to Action Program, for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.
2. Amend the 2020 operating budget of the Department of Public Health by appropriating the sum of \$44,595 into general fund 9300, funds center 5804020000, Forensic Laboratory.
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 commitments.

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) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by Health Research, 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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