

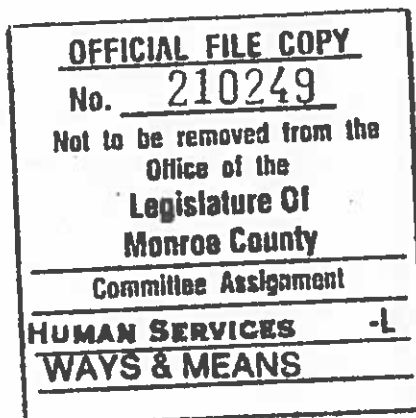


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

June 16, 2021



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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program, Authorize a Contract with Compeer, Inc., and Authorize an Appropriation Transfer

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health in the amount of \$185,000 for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program, authorize a contract with Compeer, Inc., in the amount of \$170,000 to provide comprehensive peer-to-peer services for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and authorize an appropriation transfer of \$85,000.

The purpose of this grant is to design, implement, and evaluate veteran peer-to-peer programs for veterans who are experiencing post-traumatic stress symptoms. The goal of the program is to provide outreach and education regarding available peer-to-peer counseling. It should also encourage family, friends, and community connectedness as well as provide access to suicide prevention/intervention measures. This is the fifth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents the same amount as last year.

Compeer, Inc. will provide an array of services, including one-on-one peer mentoring; group sessions facilitated by peer mentors and licensed therapists as consultants; and enhancement of social networking capabilities, virtual meeting spaces, and other technological tools designed to help veterans connect with one another remotely.

At the current time, there are insufficient available appropriations within the Veterans' Services Agency to fund a full twelve-month contract with Compeer, Inc. So that a contract can be executed for the entire term of the grant award, we are requesting a transfer of unencumbered appropriations within the Department of Human Services to the Veterans' Services Agency.

A request for proposals was issued with Compeer, Inc. selected as the most qualified to provide this service.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$185,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Mental Health for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

2. Authorize an appropriation transfer of \$85,000 from the Department of Human Services, general fund 9001, funds center 5111010000, Family Assistance to the Veterans' Services Agency, general fund 9001, funds center 7401020000, Dwyer Peer to Peer Support.
3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Compeer, Inc., 259 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607, to provide comprehensive peer-to-peer mentoring services for the PFC Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Support Program in the amount of \$170,000 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
4. 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.
5. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to modify or terminate 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 will be included in the 2021 operating budget of the Veterans' Services Agency, general fund 9001, funds center 7401020000, Dwyer Peer to Peer Support once the appropriation transfer has been authorized.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

Compeer, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

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