

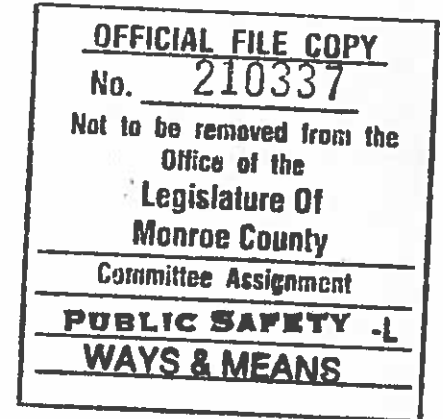


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

September 10, 2021



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

Subject: Amend Resolution 224 of 2019 to Accept Additional Funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services for the Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program for 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 amend Resolution 224 of 2019 to accept additional funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services in an amount up to \$22,840 for the Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program for the District Attorney's Office for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022.

The Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program funds a portion of the salary of (5) full-time Victim Witness Advocate positions in the District Attorney's Office. In addition, the funding covers the costs of grant-mandated travel for training. Victim Witness Advocates provide support service to felony and misdemeanor crime victims who find the judicial process a bewildering and often traumatic experience. Advocates orient victims and witnesses to procedures, assist in arranging court appearances, and help victims obtain victim compensation, among other services. The additional funding will bring the grant total to \$498,217.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 224 of 2019 to accept an additional amount up to \$22,840, and to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Victim Services for the Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program bringing the total program award to \$498,216.70 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022.

2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the District Attorney's Office by appropriating the sum of \$22,840 into general fund 9300, funds center 2501010000, DA Central Administration.

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 New York State Office of Victim Services. 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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