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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 Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program (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 \$87,000 for the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program in the District Attorney's Office for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

This grant will fund a portion of the costs of one (1) full-time Assistant District Attorney to coordinate the efforts of the Rochester Police Department, New York State Insurance Department-Insurance Fraud Bureau, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, and other local police agencies in investigating cases involving auto theft and insurance fraud involving motor vehicles.

The goals of the program include continuing to fully investigate and prosecute all suspected instances of motor vehicle theft in Monroe County, fully investigate and prosecute all individuals who file fraudulent motor vehicle theft claims, strengthen and expand the information-sharing protocols among the various local police and State agencies investigating such crimes, and to increase the arrest and conviction rate of the perpetrators of such crimes. This will be the nineteenth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding is the same amount received in last year's award.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept an \$87,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prosecution Program for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.
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 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 2022 operating budget of the District Attorney's Office, general fund 9300, funds center 2507010000, Non-Violent Felony Bureau.

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