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

**Subject:** Authorize the Creation of Seven New Positions, Five Upgrades and One Reclassification in the Public Defender's Office and the Creation of Nine New Positions in the Conflict Defender's Office as Part of Year 4 Funding of the Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Project Grant

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize the creation of seven (7) new positions, upgrade five (5) positions and reclassify one (1) position in the Public Defender's Office as part of year 4 funding of the Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Project Grant as follows: create five (5) Senior Assistant Public Defender, Group 20, one (1) Assistant Public Defender Grade I, Group 19, and one (1) Assistant Public Defender Grade II - PT, Group 17, upgrade five (5) Assistant Public Defender, Grade II, Group 17 to five (5) Assistant Public Defender, Grade I, Group 19, and Reclassify one (1) Chief Investigator, Group 14 to one (1) Chief Investigator, Group 17; and authorize the creation of nine (9) new positions in the Conflict Defender's Office as follows: one (1) Special Assistant Conflict Defender, Group 22 and eight (8) Assistant Conflict Defender Grade II, Group 17.

These positions will be fully funded through the Statewide Expansion Hurrell-Harring Project Grant from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services pursuant to Resolution 191 of 2019.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to create seven (7) new positions, upgrade five (5) positions and reclassify one (1) position in the Public Defender's Office as part of year 4 funding of the Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Project Grant as follows: create five (5) Senior Assistant Public Defender, Group 20, one (1) Assistant Public Defender Grade I, Group 19, and one (1) Assistant Public Defender Grade II - PT, Group 17, upgrade five (5) Assistant Public Defender Grade II, Group 17 to five (5) Assistant Public Defender, Grade I, Group 19, and Reclassify one (1) Chief Investigator, Group 14 to one (1) Chief Investigator, Group 17.

2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to create nine (9) new positions in the Conflict Defender's Office as part of year 4 funding of the Statewide Expansion of the Hurrell-Harring Project Grant as follows: one (1) Special Assistant Conflict Defender, Group 22 and eight (8) Assistant Conflict Defender Grade II, Group 17.
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.

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an "Action," as that term is defined in 6 by NYCRR § 617.2(b), and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for these positions is included in the 2022 operating budget of the Public Defender's Office, general fund 9300, funds center 2601010000, Public Defender Administration, and Department of Public Safety, general fund 9300, fund center 2402010000, Legal Representation. 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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Monroe County Executive

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