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| Committee Assignment                                                           |               |
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| <b>WAYS &amp; MEANS</b>                                                        |               |

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

**Subject:** Amend Resolution 168 of 2021 to Include an Option to Renew the Contract with Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC for the Provision of a Mental Health Program as a Holistic Option for Veterans Struggling with Mental Illness for the Monroe County Department of Veteran Services

**Honorable Legislators:**

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 168 of 2021 to include an option to renew the agreement with Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC for the provision of mental health services for the Monroe County Department of Veteran Services for two (2) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 per year.

This contract will support the Monroe County response to the unacceptably high overdose and suicide rates within the Veteran community by providing a holistic and alternative approach that is not otherwise offered to Veterans. The initial feedback from the first two cohorts has been remarkably positive. The quantitative analysis shows a positive rating of 70-77% based on participant questionnaires regarding changes in their mental and social wellbeing. The anecdotal feedback from participants has been close to 100% positive. Ten of 12 participants completed cohort 1. Six of 11 participants completed cohort 2. This aggregates to a completion rate of 70%. The participants who withdrew from cohort 2 did so for personal reasons and not due to dissatisfaction with the program. Given we have completed only two cohorts, we are currently not able to identify trends.

A request for proposals was issued with Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC the sole responder.

**The specific legislative action required is to amend Resolution 168 of 2021 to include an option to renew the agreement with Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC, 185 Caroline Street, Rochester, New York 14620, for the provision of mental health services for the Monroe County Department of Veteran Services for two (2) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 per year.**

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 contract is included in the 2022 operating budget of the Veterans Service Agency Department, general fund 9001, funds center 7401010000, Veterans Service Agency and will be requested in future years budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Trybe Ecotherapy, LLC, nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the company are:

Lyndsay Cray, Chief Executive Officer  
Meredith Rutherford, Chief Strategy Officer

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



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