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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 United States Department of Justice, Office of

Community Oriented Policing Services, for the FY24 COPS Technology and

Equipment Program

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of Sheriff Todd K. Baxter.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, for the FY24 COPS Technology and Equipment Program in the amount of \$940,000 for the Sheriff's Regional Investigative Operations Center ("RIOC") for the period of March 9, 2024 through March 31, 2026.

This funding was made possible through the efforts of Congressman Joseph Morelle. This grant will provide the Sheriff's Office with funds to purchase technology for the RIOC to include software, hardware, and training. Software solutions will provide situational awareness of potential threats, open source information management, and workflow management. Hardware solutions will include a camera tower, computer/monitors, and servers. This is the first time the County has received this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$940,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, for the FY24 COPS Technology and Equipment Program for the period of March 9, 2024 through March 31, 2026.

- 2. Amend the 2024 operating budget of the Office of the Sheriff by appropriating the sum of \$940,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 3803010000, Police Bureau Administration.
- 3. 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, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.
- 4. 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 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.

This grant is 100% funded by the United States Department of Justice. 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.

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