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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 Justice Programs, for the 2023 DNA Capacity Enhancement Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$526,741 for the 2023 DNA Capacity Enhancement Program for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025.

The purpose of the DNA Capacity Enhancement Program is to increase the capabilities of the Monroe County Crime Laboratory DNA analysis section by providing supplies for casework, mandatory continuing education in human identification science, maintenance of equipment and for expenses related to the continued accreditation of the Laboratory. This program allows the Laboratory to continue to provide timely services to the region's law enforcement community and judicial system. This is the eighteenth year that the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents an increase of \$42,474 from the previous grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$526,741 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for the 2023 DNA Capacity Enhancement Program for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025.
2. Amend the 2023 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety by appropriating the sum of \$526,741 into general fund 9300, funds center 2408040100, Monroe County Crime Laboratory.
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, 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, Office of Justice Programs. 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,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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