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

Subject: Acceptance of the Aid to Defense Grant from New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Office of the Public Defender

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of Monroe County Public Defender Julie Cianca.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$245,086 for the Aid to Defense ("ATD") Program for the Office of the Public Defender for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

The ATD Grant program provides expedited felony case processing through the judicial system by funding part or all of the salary costs to three (3) full-time positions in the Public Defender's Office. This will be the fortieth 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 a \$245,086 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Aid to Defense Program for the Office of the Public Defender for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.
2. Amend the 2023 operating budget of the Public Defender's Office by appropriating the sum of \$245,086 into general fund 9001, funds center 2601010000, Office of The Public Defender.

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 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
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