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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 New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the Safe Harbour Initiative for 2024

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") in the amount of \$40,000 for the Safe Harbour Initiative for 2024 ("Safe Harbour") for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

This award will be used to continue the established efforts of Safe Harbour such as short-term safe housing that offers 24-hour crisis intervention, medical care, advocacy, and other services to underage victims of human trafficking within Monroe County. The Center for Youth Services will continue to be the lead agency for this grant after its demonstrated successful collaboration with Monroe County during the partnership's 6 year pilot program, and initial year of "NYS Graduate Community" status. Monroe County has been recognized as a statewide leader with Safe Harbour and has shared it's successes with new piloting counties.

The Department of Human Services will continue to assign the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau Executive Director to be its representative who will serve as County liaison to the OCFS Statewide Steering Committee and to provide inter-agency collaborative support and guidance for sustainable implementation of the Safe Harbour Plan. Training will be provided to teach the skills and tools necessary to ensure that child victims are properly identified, referred, and receive the appropriate specialized services to which they are entitled by law. This is the eleventh year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents a decrease of \$3,350 from last year.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$40,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the Safe Harbour Initiative for 2024 for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

2. Amend the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services, by appropriating the sum of \$40,000 into fund 9300, funds center 5102010000, Child and Family Services 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, 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 agreements 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 Office of Children and Family Services. 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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