

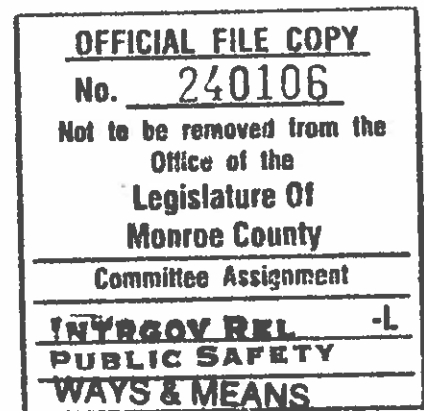


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

March 8, 2024



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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Raise the Age Legislation and Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Rochester City School District for an Administrative and Education Liaison Provider with Raise the Age Youth

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$2,960,673 for the Raise the Age legislation for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 and authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the Rochester City School District in the amount of \$170,000 for an Administrative and Education Liaison provider with Raise the Age youth for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

Raise the Age legislation was enacted with a number of objectives. It aims to reduce crime victimization; provide meaningful opportunity for a life without the stigma of a criminal record for adolescents who turn away from crime; eliminate the disproportionate incarceration of 16- and 17-year-olds of color in adult jails and prisons; reserve the juvenile placement system for only those young people who present a risk to public safety; and create therapeutic out-of-home placement settings for young people who do not present a risk to public safety.

In order to achieve these objectives, the Monroe County Office of Probation – Community Corrections has developed a Comprehensive Plan that utilizes a combination of increased staff resources, specialized training, and expanded community programs and services.

Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan will reduce the reliance on out-of-home placement, reduce the reliance on detention, reduce the need for family court adjudication, increase the adjustment rate of diversion cases, reduce the rate of probation violations, reduce the rate of long-term recidivism, and arrange for community-based services to improve outcomes for youth.

A portion of this grant will fund an intermunicipal agreement with the Rochester City School District to provide an Administrative Specialist/Educational Liaison who will work on behalf of Raise the Age youth to facilitate re-entry into school or other educational programming. The Rochester City School District is a Sole Source provider of this service.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$2,960,673 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Raise the Age Legislation for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

2. Amend the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Probation and Community Corrections, by appropriating the sum of \$561,383 into general fund 9300, funds center 2403020100, Juvenile Services Family Division.
3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Rochester City School District for an Administrative and Education Liaison provider with Raise the Age youth in the amount of \$170,000 for the period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.
4. 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.
5. 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 included 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.

Partial funding for this grant is included in the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Probation and Community Corrections, general fund 9300, funds center 2403020100, Juvenile Services Family Division. The appropriated amount will adjust the current funding to that established by the grant.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice 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