

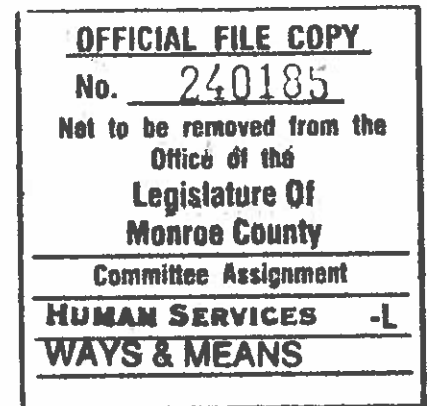


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

May 10, 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 Office of Children and Family Services for the Family First Mobile Response Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$320,000 for the Family First Mobile Response Program for the period of January 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025.

This program will provide in-home assistance to children in foster care and their caregivers. While Monroe County strives to keep children and families together, out of home placements are sometimes necessary. The County first tries to place children with kin but when that is not possible, foster homes within the community are utilized, rather than congregate care settings. The trauma experienced by these youth prior to coming into foster care may lead to behavioral and mental health challenges that compromise their safety and the safety of others. When these challenges exceed what caregivers can provide, the Family First Mobile Response program will work to de-escalate the situation, effectively manage behavior, stabilize the child and family situation, and ultimately improve outcomes for children in care. This is the second year that the County has received this grant. This year's funding is the same as last year's allocation.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$320,000 grant from, and to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the Family First Mobile Response Program for the period January 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025.
2. Amend the 2024 operating budget of the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services, by appropriating the sum of \$320,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 5102010000, Child/Family Service 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 agreement affecting such positions.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant of 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 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