

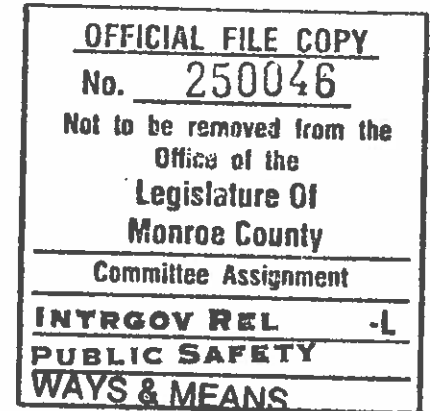


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

February 7, 2025



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 Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Operation Stonegarden Program and Authorize Intermunicipal Agreements with the Towns of Greece, Irondequoit, and Webster

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of Sheriff Todd K Baxter.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in an amount not to exceed \$152,258 for the Operation Stonegarden Program for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027, and authorize intermunicipal agreements with the Town of Greece in an amount not to exceed \$40,368 for the reimbursement of overtime, fringe benefits and equipment; the Town of Irondequoit in an amount not to exceed \$33,791 for the reimbursement of overtime, fringe benefits and mileage; and the Town of Webster in an amount not to exceed \$9,099 for the reimbursement of overtime, fringe benefits, equipment and mileage for the Operation Stonegarden Program for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

This Federal Fiscal Year 2024 grant provides funding for the law enforcement community to enhance preparedness and operational readiness along United States land and water borders. Funds shall be used to increase the operational capabilities (i.e. planning, prevention, response, recovery, and mitigation of an incident or homeland security issue) of federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement promoting a layered, coordinated approach to law enforcement within U.S. Border states and territories. Funds will be used to fund operational overtime during details for the Sheriff's Office and the Towns of Greece, Irondequoit, and Webster. This is the eighth year local agencies located on the border were included on the Monroe County Border Patrol Operations Order. The County will receive the award and be responsible for coordinating the reimbursement of funds for the three local agencies who participate in Operation Stonegarden. This is the sixteenth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents a decrease of \$12,510 from last year.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$152,258 and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the Operation Stonegarden Program for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

2. Amend the 2025 operating budget of the Office of the Sheriff by appropriating the sum of \$152,258 into general fund 9300, funds center 3803010000, Police Bureau Administration.
3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Town of Greece for the reimbursement of overtime, fringe benefits, and equipment for the Operation Stonegarden Program in an amount not to exceed \$40,368 for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.
4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Town of Irondequoit for the reimbursement of overtime, fringe benefits, and mileage for the Operation Stonegarden Program in an amount not to exceed \$33,791 for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.
5. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Town of Webster for the reimbursement of overtime, fringe benefits, equipment, and mileage for the Operation Stonegarden Program in an amount not to exceed \$9,099 for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.
6. 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.
7. 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 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 Federal Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (administered by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency 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