



Office of the County Executive

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, New York 14614

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Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program also known as the Arrest Program, and Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester and Contracts with the Legal Aid Society of Rochester, New York, Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York, Inc., and Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester, Inc.

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, in the amount of \$750,000, for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program also known as the Arrest Program, authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester, in an amount not to exceed \$111,890, for a Victim Assistance Counselor and a Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART), a contract with the Legal Aid Society of Rochester, New York, in an amount not to exceed \$270,865, for legal representation of domestic violence victims, a contract with Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, for a domestic violence advocate, and a contract with Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$109,920, for enhanced victim services, all for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.

This program is a collaboration of partnerships between criminal justice agencies, victim service providers, and community organizations which respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking in Monroe County. This grant will fund the following:

- The City of Rochester Police Department will provide DART, a team dedicated to providing targeted police work for high-risk domestic violence cases, and a Victim Assistance Counselor, who provides counseling, safety planning, and accompanies victims to court.
- The Monroe County Office of Probation – Community Corrections will continue to employ an Intensive Supervision Probation Officer for the dedicated Domestic Violence Intensive Supervision Program.
- The contract with the Legal Aid Society will fund: 1) a part-time Domestic Violence Consortium Assistant to provide administrative support; and 2) a civil attorney to provide legal representation to victims seeking orders of protection, and for immigrant and limited English proficient victims seeking services.

- The contract with Planned Parenthood will fund a victim advocate through "RESTORE" Sexual Assault Services, who will provide victims of sexual assault with crisis intervention and support through the medical examination/evidence kit collection process, treatment, advocacy, and support during interactions with law enforcement, court accompaniment and information and referrals for additional services as needed.
- The contract with the Willow Domestic Violence Center will fund a victim advocate to provide collaborative-enhanced victim services to individuals petitioning for Orders of Protection in the Domestic Violence Intervention Court division of Family Court.

This will be the nineteenth year that the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents an increase of \$100,000 from the previous grant award.

Requests for qualifications were issued with the Legal Aid Society of Rochester, New York, Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York, Inc., and Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester, Inc. rated the most qualified to provide these services.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a \$750,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program, for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.
2. Amend the 2017 operating budget of the Department of Public Safety, Office of Probation and Community Corrections, by appropriating the sum of \$750,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 2403040000, Supervision General.
3. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the City of Rochester, for a Victim Assistance Counselor and a Domestic Abuse Response Team for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$111,890, for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.
4. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with the Legal Aid Society of Rochester, New York, One West Main Street, Suite 800, Rochester, New York 14614, for legal representation of domestic violence victims for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$270,865, for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.
5. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York, Inc., 114 University Avenue, Rochester, New York 14605, for crisis intervention and support services to victims for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.
6. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester, Inc., P.O. Box 39601, Rochester, New York 14604, for collaborative-enhanced victim services for the Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant Program, in an amount not to exceed \$109,920, for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020.

7. 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, and to make any necessary funding modifications within grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
8. 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.

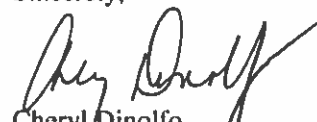
Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

This grant is 100% funded by the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The Legal Aid Society of Rochester, New York, Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York, Inc., and Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester, Inc. are not-for-profit agencies, and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that they do not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Dinolfo
Monroe County Executive

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