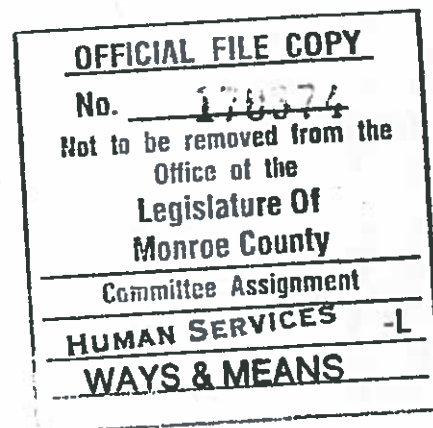


# Office of the County Executive

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

**Cheryl Dinolfo**  
*County Executive*

December 8, 2017



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 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program (Office of the Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Laboratory)

**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 \$23,275, for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program (Office of the Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Laboratory), for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

The purpose of this grant is to improve forensic science services in the Monroe County Office of the Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Laboratory. This program provides postmortem forensic toxicology services to aid in the determination of cause and manner of deaths and toxicology services to aid in the evaluation of cases of driving under the influence (DUI) of drugs and/or alcohol and drug-facilitated sexual assault. The funds will be used to purchase supplies needed to: increase the analytical capacity of the Laboratory; minimize testing downtimes; provide funds for staff training; and maintain the Laboratory's accreditation. This will be the fifteenth year the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents a decrease of \$837 from last year. This funding varies annually and is dependent on the total amount of federal funds available and the number of forensic laboratories in New York State eligible to receive funds.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a \$23,275 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Program (Office of the Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Laboratory), for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

2. 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 the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.
3. 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.

Funding for this grant is included in the proposed 2018 operating budget of the Department of Public Health, general fund 9001, funds center 5804020000, Forensic Laboratory.

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,

  
Cheryl Dinolfo  
Monroe County Executive

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