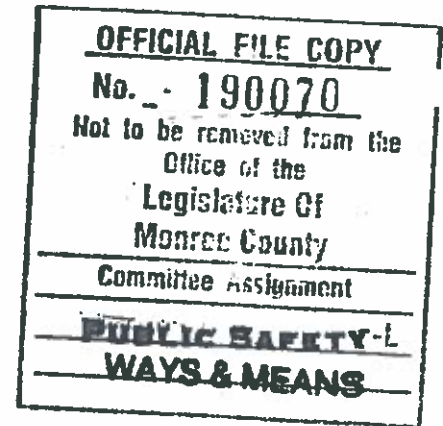


# Office of the County Executive

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Cheryl Dinolfo  
County Executive

March 8, 2019



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

Subject: Authorize Federal Equitable Sharing Agreements with the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of the Treasury

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of District Attorney Sandra Doorley and Sheriff Todd Baxter.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize Federal Equitable Sharing Agreements with the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of the Treasury, for participation by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office in the federal equitable sharing programs for federally forfeited cash, property and proceeds obtained in the course of joint law enforcement investigations and prosecutions, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

In an effort to further encourage cooperation among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies and to punish and deter criminal activity by depriving criminals of property used or acquired through illegal activities, the United States Congress provided the Secretary of the Treasury and the United States Attorney General with the authority to share federally forfeited cash, property and proceeds with participating federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The shared funds, property and proceeds must be used for law enforcement purposes. This will be the 28<sup>th</sup> year the County has participated in this program.

**The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute Federal Equitable Sharing Agreements with the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of the Treasury, for participation in federal equitable sharing programs for federally forfeited cash, property and proceeds obtained in the course of joint law enforcement investigations and prosecutions, for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.**

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

These agreements are revenue generating. 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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