

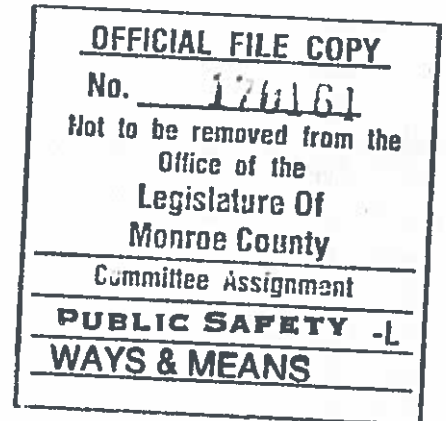


Office of the County Executive

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Cheryl Dinolfo
County Executive

May 5, 2017



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

Subject: Amend Resolution 170 of 2016 to Accept Additional Funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services and to Extend the Time Period for the Victim and Witness Assistance Program for the District Attorney's Office

Honorable Legislators:

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

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 170 of 2016 to accept additional funding from the New York State Office of Victim Services, in the amount of \$428,721, for the Victim and Witness Assistance Program, for the District Attorney's Office, and to extend the time period for two (2) years through September 30, 2019.

The Victim and Witness Assistance Program funds a portion of the salary of five (5) full-time Victim Witness Advocate positions in the District Attorney's Office. In addition, the funding covers the costs of grant-mandated travel for training, and administrative costs associated with preparation of quarterly reports. Victim Witness Advocates provide support service to felony and misdemeanor crime victims who find the judicial process a bewildering and often traumatic experience. Advocates orient victims and witnesses to procedures, assist in arranging court appearances, and help victims obtain victim compensation, among other services. The additional funding will bring the grant total to \$901,496.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 170 of 2016 to accept an additional \$428,721 from, and to authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Victim Services, for the Victim and Witness Assistance Program, for the District Attorney's Office, bringing the total program award to \$901,496, and to extend the time period for two (2) years through September 30, 2019.

2. Amend the 2017 operating budget of the District Attorney's Office by appropriating the sum of \$482,721 into general fund 9300, funds center 2501010000, DA Central Administration.

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

By Resolution 304 of 2014, this grant requires a 20% local match. The additional match funding is included in the 2017 operating budget of the District Attorney's Office, general fund 9001, funds center 2501010000, DA Central Administration, and will be requested in future years' budgets.

This grant is funded by the New York State Office of Victim Services. No additional 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,



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Monroe County Executive

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