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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 Public Defender's Mental Health and Drug Treatment Court Program

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 \$103,860, for the Monroe County Public Defender's Mental Health and Drug Treatment Court Program, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

This is a continuation of a New York State initiative, funded by federal funds under the Edward Byrnes Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, to subsidize the legal representation of indigent defendants who are chemically dependent and accused of nonviolent felonies and felony violations of probation. The grant assists with the salary of four (4) existing Assistant Public Defender positions. This is the twenty-fourth year that the County has received this grant. This year's funding represents an \$11,540 decrease from the last twelve month period.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a \$103,860 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, for the Monroe County Public Defender's Mental Health and Drug Treatment Court Program, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
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.

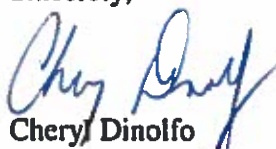
Environmental assessments were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

Funding for the grant is included in the 2016 operating grant budget of the Public Defender's Office, fund 9300, funds center 2601010000, Office of The Public Defender.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice 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,



Cheryl Dinolfo
Monroe County Executive

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