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Lovely A. Warren
Mayor
City Council

INTRODUCTORY NO.

348

September 14, 2020

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Statement of Necessity

This Statement of Necessity is being submitted so that action may be taken during the September 15, 2020 Council Meeting on the attached legislation to transfer Family and Victims Services from The Police Department to the Department of Recreation and Youth Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Lovely A. Warren
Mayor

Loretta C. Scott
President

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TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Budget Transfer – Family and Victims
Services

Council Priority: Public Safety

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation amending the 2020-21 Budget of the City of Rochester for operation of the Family and Victims Services Office within the Department of Recreation and Youth Services sub-bureau of Crisis Intervention Services. This legislation will:

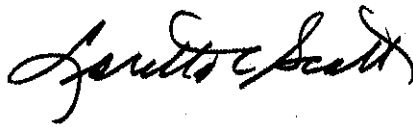
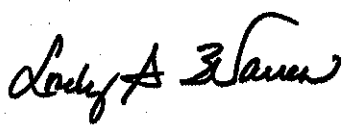
1. Transfer \$681,100 from the 2020-21 Budget of the Police Department to 2020-21 Budget of the Department of Recreation and Youth Services. The transfer reflects the remaining available fiscal year funds for operation of the Family and Victims Services office.
2. Transfer \$236,700 from the 2020-21 Budget of Contingency to 2020-21 Budget of the Department of Recreation and Youth Services. This is a portion of the \$750,000 allocated to racial equity initiatives during the 2020-21 budget process. These funds will expand DRYS Crisis Intervention Services' capacity to deploy emergency response teams in the community through the addition of full-time and part-time positions and funding for supplies, materials, professional development, and other related expenses.
3. Transfer \$63,300 from the 2020-21 Budget of Contingency to 2020-21 Budget of the Undistributed Expenses for personnel fringe benefits expenses. This is a portion of the \$750,000 allocated to racial equity initiatives during the 2020-21 budget process.

The Family and Victims Services Office provides critical support and intervention services to victims of crime and families in crisis through the Family Crisis Intervention Team (FACIT) and the Victims Assistance Unit (VAU). FACIT responds to crisis situations such as homicides, suicides, fatal accidents, family conflicts, domestic violence, mental health, needs of the elderly, or violent acts witnessed by children, and provides on scene assessment to assist the traditional law enforcement response to provide the best long-term solution. VAU provides services to victims of crimes and their families including counseling, education on the judicial system, transportation assistance, and referrals to community-based service providers.



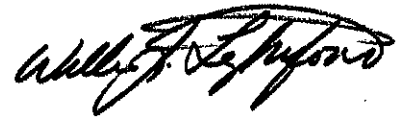
The transfer of the Family and Victims Services Office from the Police Department to DRYS will allow the City to effectively respond to crisis situations with trained and experienced behavioral and mental health professionals independent of law enforcement protocols.

Respectfully submitted,

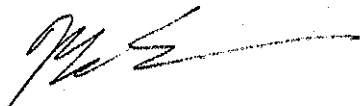


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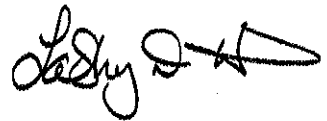
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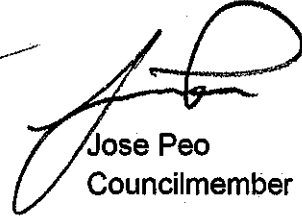
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Ordinance No.

Amending the 2020-21 Budget relating to Family and Victim Services, emergency response teams and racial equity initiatives

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2020-161, the 2020-21 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by transferring \$681,100 from the Budget of the Police Department to the Budget of the Department of Recreation and Youth Services (DRYS), which amount is hereby appropriated to provide Family and Victim Services in crisis situations with trained and experienced behavioral and mental health professionals independent of law enforcement protocols.

Section 2. Ordinance No. 2020-161, the 2020-21 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by transferring \$236,700 from the Budget of Contingency to the Budget of DRYS, which amount is hereby appropriated to expand the DRYS Crisis Intervention Services' capacity to deploy emergency response teams.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 2020-161, the 2020-21 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by transferring \$63,000 from the Budget of Contingency to the Budget of Undistributed, which amount is hereby appropriated to cover the benefit costs of staff hired to expand the DRYS Crisis Intervention Services' capacity to deploy emergency response teams.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.