



City of Rochester

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**PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE
INTRODUCTORY NO.**

Malik D. Evans
Mayor

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July 30, 2024

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Grant Agreement – New York State Office of
Victim Services

Council Priority: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area:
Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to a New York State Office of Victim Services (NYS OVS) grant. This legislation will authorize an agreement with New York State Office of Victim Services (NYS OVS) for the receipt and use of a Victims of Crime Act Victim and Witness Assistance Grant of \$395,924.08 for the period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. This is the third and final year of a three-year grant with a term of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2025.

The Victims of Crime Act Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program funds a portion of personnel expenses of the Community Support Counselors (CSC) in the DRHS Crisis Intervention Services (CIS) unit. CSCs provide support to victims of crime, including referrals for wrap-around support, assistance in completing applications for funding from the NYS OVS, and information on the legal process and their pending criminal cases. Grant reimbursement of these personnel expenses was anticipated and included in the 2024-2025 Department of Recreation and Human Services and Undistributed Expenses budgets. From October 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, the CSCs funded by this grant assisted over 930 crime victims.

This was last authorized by City Council via Ordinance No. 2023-320 on September 20, 2023. The City has received this funding since at least 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Malik D. Evans
Mayor



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Ordinance No.

Authorizing an agreement for a Victims of Crime Act Victim and Witness Assistance Grant

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with New York State Office of Victim Services for the receipt and use of a Victims of Crime Act Victim and Witness Assistance Grant of \$395,924.08, which is hereby appropriated to fund a portion of personnel expenses for the Department of Recreation and Human Services' Crisis Intervention Services unit to provide wrap-around support for victims of crime. The term of this agreement shall be October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Section 2. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



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TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Grant Agreement – The Alliance for Safety & Justice (ASJ) of the Crime Survivors for Safety & Justice (CSSJ)

Council Priority: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Area: Fostering Prosperity and Opportunity

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation related to a Crime Survivors Speak March on Washington Grant. This legislation will:

1. Authorize an agreement with The Alliance for Safety & Justice (ASJ) of the Crime Survivors for Safety & Justice (CSSJ) (Kim Youngblood, East Coast Region CSSJ Team Lead, 1624 Franklin Street, 11th Floor Oakland, CA) for receipt and use of a \$14,160 grant to bring together crime survivors from the Rochester community most affected by crime, to share stories, honor loved ones, and advocate for smart justice policies that transform families, communities, and the country. The term of the grant will be for one year; and
2. Amend the 2024-2025 Budget of the Office of the Mayor by \$14,200 for the funding received in the grant above.

The Mayor's Advisor on Violence Prevention acts as a City liaison on violence prevention efforts and strategy on the federal, state, and local levels. The Mayor's Office will act as the host organization for this grant, including coordination assistance, a custom attendee registration link, and transportation and hotel needs of twenty (20) attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Malik D. Evans
Mayor



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Ordinance No.

Authorizing agreement and amending the 2024-25 Budget for the Crime Survivors Speak March on Washington

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

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with The Alliance for Safety and Justice of the Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice for the receipt and use of a grant in the amount of \$14,200 for the Crime Survivors Speak March on Washington (Survivors March). The agreement shall have a term of one year.

Section 2. The agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 2024-200, the 2024-25 Budget of the City of Rochester, as amended, is hereby further amended by increasing the revenue estimates and appropriations to the Budget of the Office of Mayor (Mayor's Budget) by \$14,200, which amount is hereby appropriated for the Survivors March from the grant funds authorized in Section 1 herein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



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Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr. Council President, Councilmember At-Large

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July 29, 2024

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Police Accountability Board Appointment

Transmitted herewith for your approval is a resolution appointing Lwam Tecleab to the Police Accountability Board for the East District Seat. This candidate was interviewed by City Council members.

Lwam Tecleab will serve a term expiring on June 30, 2027.

City residency was verified and Lwam Tecleab's resume is on file with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr.
President

INTRODUCTORY NO.

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Council

Resolution No.

Resolution appointing a member of the Police Accountability Board

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

Section 1. The Council hereby approves the appointment of Lwam Tecleab to the Police Accountability Board to fill a vacancy for the seat designated to the East District for a term expiring on June 30, 2027.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.