



# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

**Adam J. Bello**  
*County Executive*

May 8, 2020

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

**Subject:** Acceptance of a Grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York State Municipal Facilities Program; Acceptance of a Gift from the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #20, Rochester, New York, Inc.; and Acceptance of a Gift from the Warriors of Freedom Memorial Committee, for the Design, Construction and Maintenance of the War on Terror Memorial in Highland Park South

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York State Municipal Facilities Program, in the amount of \$250,000; accept a gift from the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #20, Rochester, New York, Inc., in the amount of \$30,000; and accept a gift from the Warriors of Freedom Memorial Committee, of up to \$50,000, for the design, construction and maintenance costs of the War on Terror Memorial in Highland Park South.

The War on Terror Memorial will recognize and honor the memory of military service members from Monroe County and the surrounding counties, who bravely lost their lives serving our Country in military conflicts from 1990 to the present. The memorial will feature 10 columns that will display military emblems. Five emblems will represent the branches of the military, one emblem will represent Prisoners of War and service members Missing In Action, and 4 emblems will commemorate the Gulf War, United Shield in Somalia, Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, the memorial will feature a flag pole and seating for visitors to sit and reflect while enjoying the scenic views of the park.

The grant funding for the construction of this memorial was made possible through the efforts of Senator Joseph E. Robach. This grant will be used for the construction of the War on Terror Memorial in Highland Park South. Gifts from the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Warriors of Freedom Memorial Committee will fund design, construction and maintenance costs for the memorial.

**The specific legislative actions required are:**

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$250,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York State Municipal Facilities Program, for reimbursement of the creation of the War on Terror Memorial in Highland Park South.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$30,000 gift from, and to authorize a contract and any amendments thereto with, the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #20, Rochester, New York, Inc., for the design, construction and maintenance costs of the War on Terror Memorial in Highland Park South.

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3. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a gift of up to \$50,000 from, and to authorize a contract and any amendments thereto with, the Warriors of Freedom Memorial Committee, for the design, construction and maintenance costs of the War on Terror Memorial in Highland Park South.
4. Amend the 2020 operating budget of the Parks Department by appropriating the sum of \$250,000 into general fund 9300, funds center 8805040000, Highland Park.
5. Appropriate the sum of \$30,000 and a sum up to \$50,000 into Parks Department Trust Fund 9628, Highland Park.
6. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any encumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications with the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant is 100% funded by the Dormitory Authority State of New York State Municipal Facilities Program. 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,  
  
Adam J. Bello  
Monroe County Executive

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