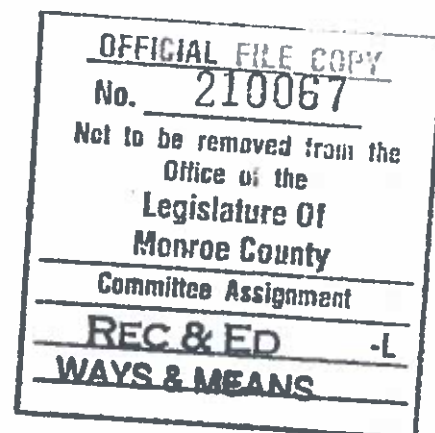


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

February 5, 2021



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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums for an Orangutan Conservation Project Led by Monroe County's Seneca Park Zoo

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums ("AZA") in the amount of \$22,760 for an Orangutan Conservation Project led by Monroe County's Seneca Park Zoo for the period of February 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

Monroe County was awarded this grant based on Dr. Louis DiVincenti's (Assistant Zoo Director for Animal Care and Conservation at Monroe County's Seneca Park Zoo) role as Vice-Chair of the Orangutan Saving Animals From Extinction Program, an initiative of the AZA, the zoo's accrediting organization. The project, entitled "Gaining a New Understanding of Orangutan Ecology in Agricultural Mosaic Landscapes to Cause a Paradigm Shift in Conservation Strategy," advances the zoo's conservation mission, a key requirement for maintaining accreditation, by increasing understanding of how orangutans can co-exist with landscape and informing best practices for mitigating human-orangutan conflict. With a Tropics Complex featuring Bornean orangutans as the next phase of the Zoo's Master Plan, the project well positions Monroe County as a leader in international wildlife conservation. This is the first time the County has received this grant.

The specific legislative actions required are:

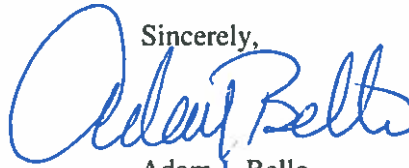
1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$22,760 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums for an Orangutan Conservation Project led by Monroe County's Seneca Park Zoo for the period of February 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.
2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the Monroe County Parks Department by appropriating the sum of \$22,760 into general fund 9300, funds center 8804010000, Seneca Zoo Administration.

3. 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
4. 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.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(24) ("information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action") and (26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This grant requires a 50% local match. Funding for this match is included in the 2021 operating budget of the Parks Department, general fund 9001, funds center 8004010000, Seneca Zoo Administration. 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