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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 Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for the Zoos, Botanical Gardens, and Aquariums Program

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in the amount of \$2,216,578.05 for the Zoos, Botanical Gardens, and Aquariums ("ZBGA") program for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2026.

The ZBGA program supports the care and interpretation of collections throughout New York State. It provides funding to all eligible municipalities or not-for-profit organizations that own, house, and care for living collections of plants and animals or their habitats. In Monroe County, the costs of the care of both animals housed at Seneca Park Zoo and trees planted in the Durand-Eastman Arboretum are supported by this state grant.

The award amount referenced above will be received in five payments over the next five years. Each year, the Horticulture Division's budget will receive \$155,688.06 of revenue and the Seneca Park Zoo division's budget will receive \$287,627.55. These funds help offset the county's costs for staff salaries and consumables such as animal feed.

The specific legislative actions required are:

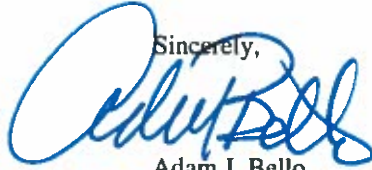
1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a grant in the amount of \$2,216,578.05 from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums (ZBGA) program for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2026.
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.

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(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.

Funding for this grant is included in the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Parks, general fund 9001, funds center 8804010000, Seneca Zoo Administration and funds center 8805010000, Horticultural Administration. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget. Funding for subsequent years of this grant will be included in future years' budgets

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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