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

Subject: Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester to Support the Development of an Arts and Cultural Plan for the City of Rochester and Monroe County

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester (the "City") in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, together with in-kind contributions, to support the development of an Arts and Cultural Plan for the City of Rochester and Monroe County.

The funding established through this referral will be provided in conjunction with funds from the City; the Farrash Foundation; and the Rochester Area Community Foundation. The plan will conduct a landscape analysis of arts in the County, define the vision and goals for the arts community, create a cultural equity policy, and define strategies for implementation. Additionally, the plan will create a Public Art Master Plan within the City.

The City of Rochester released a request for proposals for this plan and anticipates selecting a consultant and receiving approval from the City Council in December 2023. The work is expected to begin in January 2024 and should take 12 – 18 months to complete.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the City of Rochester in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, together with in-kind contributions, to support the development of an Arts and Cultural Plan for the City of Rochester and Monroe County.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(27) (“conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action”) and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this contract is included in the 2023 operating budget of Monroe County Cultural and Education Services, general fund 9001, funds center 8902010000, Authorized Agencies. 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