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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 Dormitory Authority of the State of New York; Amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation;" and Authorize Financing for the Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York in the amount of \$250,000 for capital costs associated with the rehabilitation and renovation of the AIDS Remembrance Garden located at Highland Park; amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation" in the amount of \$250,000; and authorize financing for this project.

This capital project is being funded through the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) Program, administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York. This project will fund the rehabilitation and renovation of the AIDS Remembrance Garden in Beikirch Park. The garden originally opened in 1993, at the height of the AIDS epidemic, and is one of several memorial gardens or structures within the park. Specific elements of the project include arboretum redevelopment, resurfacing walkways, and restoring benches and other hardscaping elements.

**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 for capital costs associated with the rehabilitation and renovation of the AIDS Remembrance Garden located at Highland Park.
2. Amend the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program and the 2025 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation" in the amount of \$250,000.

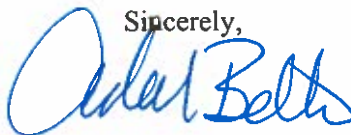
3. Authorize financing for the project entitled "AIDS Remembrance Garden Rehabilitation" in the amount of \$250,000.
4. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.
5. 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.

The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to Your Honorable Body undertaking, funding, or approving the actions requested in this referral.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in the capital fund to be created and any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. 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,



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