

Monroe County Clerk of the Legislature

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media
FROM: Nayeliz Santiago, Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
DATE: May 15, 2025
RE: Matter of Importance – File No. 25-0193

Matter of Importance:

25-0193 - Authorize Contracts with Vendors for 2025 Community Festival Support – As a Matter of Importance – County Executive Adam J. Bello

This referral was not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on May 13, 2025, but have been determined by Yversha Román, President of the Legislature, to be of sufficient importance to warrant referral between Legislative meetings, pursuant to Section 545-24 (C) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachments



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

May 14, 2025

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

Subject: Authorize Contracts with Vendors for 2025 Community Festival Support

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize contracts with the agencies listed in Attachment A in a total amount not to exceed \$200,000 for 2025 Community Festivals for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

This is the third year Monroe County has offered Community Festival Support. In total, forty-three (43) festivals will be funded at an amount not to exceed \$461,000, of which four (4) festivals were selected to receive support exceeding \$20,000.

The festivals were selected through a competitive application process. Festivals were required to apply for funding under one or more of the following four (4) categories pursuant to County Law § 224: (1) Events or festivals related to armistice, memorial, or other recognized national patriotic observance; (2) Events or festivals that commemorate historical events of county-wide interest and concern; (3) Events or festivals that provide for the maintenance and operation of a professional symphony or philharmonic orchestra, musical festival, or vocal, dance, drama, or performing arts troupe, group, or activity of any kind or nature; and/or (4) Events or festivals that publicize the advantages of the county. Additional requirements were also established related to event date, location, size, and cost.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute contracts, and any amendments thereto, with each approved agency as listed in Attachment A for community festival support in a total amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(21) (“minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment”) and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for these contracts is included in the 2025 operating budget of the Monroe County Cultural and Educational Services, general fund 9001, funds center 8902010000, Authorized Agencies. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

Each of these agencies has been reviewed for not-for-profit or corporate status and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that none of these agencies owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Bello", with a stylized, cursive script.

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

Attachment A

Community Festival Support – Organizations and Festivals to receive MORE THAN \$20,000

Rochester International Jazz Festival, LLC	Rochester International Jazz Festival	\$100,000
Rochester Fringe Festival	2025 Rochester Fringe Festival	\$35,000
Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission	MLK Commission 2025 Juneteenth Festival	\$35,000
Action for a Better Community, Inc.	Community Action Month: 60 Years of Community Action in Monroe County	\$30,000
		\$200,000