

Monroe County Clerk of the Legislature

Nayeliz Santiago
Clerk



Isabela Mulcahy
Deputy Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media
FROM: Nayeliz Santiago, Clerk of the Legislature
DATE: May 18, 2026
RE: Matters of Importance – File Nos. 26-0167 – 26-0168

Matters of Importance:

- 26-0167 - Amend Resolution 144 of 2011, as Amended by Resolution 313 of 2020, Resolution 427 of 2021, Resolution 283 of 2022, Resolution 394 of 2023, and Resolution 438 of 2024 to Provide Funding to The Lilac Festival, Inc.; Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester; and Authorize an Interdepartmental Transfer – As a Matter of Importance – County Executive Adam J. Bello
- 26-0168 - Authorize Contracts with Vendors for 2026 Community Festival Support – As a Matter of Importance – County Executive Adam J. Bello

These referrals were not made to committee at the preceding meeting of the Legislature on May 12, 2026, 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 18, 2026

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

Subject: Amend Resolution 144 of 2011, as Amended by Resolution 313 of 2020, Resolution 427 of 2021, Resolution 283 of 2022, Resolution 394 of 2023, and Resolution 438 of 2024 to Provide Funding to The Lilac Festival, Inc.; Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester; and Authorize an Interdepartmental Transfer

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 144 of 2011, as amended by Resolutions 313 of 2020, 427 of 2021, 283 of 2022, 394 of 2023, and 438 of 2024 to provide \$92,500 to The Lilac Festival, Inc.; authorize an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester to accept \$30,000; and authorize an interdepartmental transfer.

Through the above-referenced resolutions, Your Honorable Body authorized a license agreement with The Lilac Festival, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, to produce the Lilac Festival in Highland Park. Under the license agreement, The Lilac Festival, Inc. has the sole and exclusive right to direct, produce, and sponsor the annual Lilac Festival through December 31, 2029. For the past several years, The Lilac Festival, Inc. has worked with a promotor to operate, manage, produce, and promote the Lilac Festival. In the Summer of 2024, a request for proposals was issued to seek qualified candidates to provide long-term promotional services to ensure the Lilac Festival continues to be a success. To meet this goal, the City of Rochester and Monroe County will provide an additional one-time payment to help defray security costs. Monroe County will provide \$62,500 and the City of Rochester will provide \$30,000.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 144 of 2011, as amended by Resolution 313 of 2020, Resolution 427 of 2021, Resolution 283 of 2022, Resolution 394 of 2023, and Resolution 438 of 2024 to provide \$92,500 to The Lilac Festival, Inc. to produce the Lilac Festival in Highland Park in 2026.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to enter into an intermunicipal agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the City of Rochester to accept \$30,000 and provide it to The Lilac Festival, Inc.

3. Amend the 2026 operating budget of the Parks Department by appropriating the sum of \$30,000 into general fund 9001, funds center 8805010000, Horticultural Administration.
4. Authorize an interdepartmental transfer in the amount of \$62,500 from the 2026 operating budget of the Monroe County Cultural and Educational Services, general fund 9001, funds center 8902010000, Authorized Agencies, to the Parks Department, general fund 9001, funds center 8805010000, Horticultural Administration.

This action 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 contract is included in the 2026 operating budget of the Parks Department, general fund 9001, funds center 8805010000, Horticultural Administration, once the interdepartmental transfer has been authorized. The appropriated amount will adjust the current funding to that established by the intermunicipal agreement. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The Lilac Festival, Inc. is a not-for-profit agency and the records of the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not 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,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive



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

Subject: Authorize Contracts with Vendors for 2026 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 \$170,000 for 2026 Community Festivals for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

This is the fourth year Monroe County has offered Community Festival Support. In total, forty-five (45) festivals will be funded at an amount not to exceed \$445,000, of which three (3) 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 \$170,000 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

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 2026 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,



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, Inc.	2026 Rochester Fringe Festival	\$35,000
Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission	MLK Commission 2026 Juneteenth Festival	\$35,000
		\$170,000