

Monroe County
Clerk of the Legislature

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM: Nayeliz Santiago, Clerk of the Legislature

DATE: July 21, 2026

RE: Substitution of Referral No. 26-0231

26-0231 - Amend Resolution 151 of 2022 to Accept Additional Funding from the New York State Office of Parks, and Historic Preservation for the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums Program Grant – County Executive Adam J. Bello

At the direction of Yversha Román, President of the Legislature, the above-referenced referral has been replaced with the attached document.

At the request of its sponsor, County Executive Adam J. Bello, the substitution was requested because additional grant money was awarded.

Attachments



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

July 20, 2026

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No. <u>260231</u>	
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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Amend Resolution 151 of 2022 to Accept Additional Funding from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for the Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums Program Grant

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 151 of 2022 to accept additional funding from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the Zoos, Botanical Gardens, and Aquariums ("ZBGA") program from the amount of \$2,216,578 to \$2,694,548 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, staff salaries directly related to the care of animals housed at Seneca Park Zoo and trees and vegetation at the Highland Arboretum and the Durand-Eastman Arboretum are supported by this state grant.

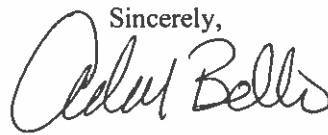
The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 151 of 2022 to accept an additional \$477,970 from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the Zoos, Botanical Gardens, and Aquariums program from the amount of \$2,216,578 to \$2,694,548 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, to make any necessary funding modifications within grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments, and to enter into any amendments to extend the time period of the grant.
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.

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This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. No net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

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

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

July 10, 2026

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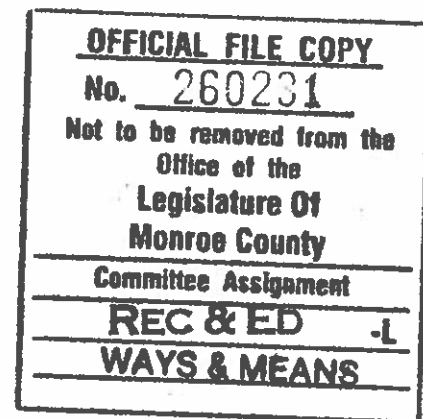
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The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 151 of 2022 to accept an additional \$46,474 from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the Zoos, Botanical Gardens, and Aquariums program from the amount of \$2,216,578 to \$2,263,052 for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2026.
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Funding for this grant is included in the 2026 operating budget of the Parks Department, general fund 1001, funds center, 8804010000, Seneca Zoo Administration, and 8805010000, Horticulture Administration.

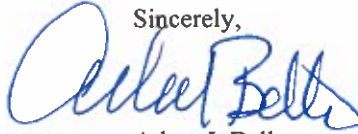


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