

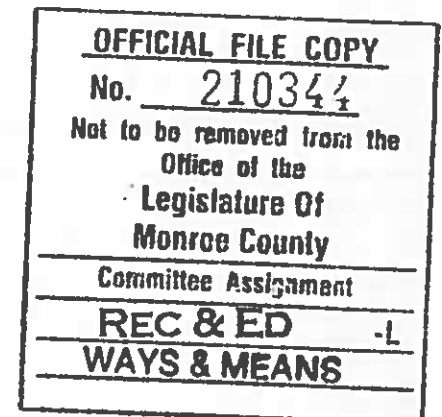


Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

September 10, 2021



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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to Update the Guest Experience at the Seneca Park Zoo Animal Hospital

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services ("IMLS") in the amount of \$14,044 to update the guest exhibit at Monroe County's Seneca Park Zoo animal hospital for the period of September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

The Seneca Park Zoo Animal Hospital opened to the public in 2005 and remains one of relatively few zoo animal hospitals open to the public. The project, entitled "Promoting Accessibility and Guest Engagement at the Seneca Park Zoo Animal Hospital," is part of the IMLS's Inspire! Program for Small Museums. The project will address existing barriers to visitor participation and engagement in veterinary care at the Zoo by updating the educational graphics and incorporating new technology into the Animal Hospital exhibit to create a multisensory experience that engages visitors of all education levels, interests and abilities. The modernized Animal Hospital will benefit the Zoo's 400,000+ annual visitors and help accomplish its strategic goals of compelling storytelling and providing exceptional educational experiences to inspire conservation action.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a \$14,044 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the Institute of Museum and Library Services to update the guest exhibit at Monroe County's Seneca Park Zoo animal hospital for the period of September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.
2. Amend the 2021 operating budget of the Monroe County Parks Department by appropriating the sum of \$14,044 into general fund 9300, funds center 8804010000, Seneca Zoo Administration.
3. 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 make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.

4. 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.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(1) ("maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility") and (31) ("purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for the local match is included in 2021 operating budget of the Parks Department, general fund 9001, funds center 8804010000, Seneca Zoo Administration. 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