



Monroe County Legislature

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December 13, 2021

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

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Committee Assignment	
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Subject: Authorizing Additional Funding Support for Memorial Art Gallery

Honorable Legislators:

Monroe County has always been a leader in the world of arts and culture. Home to a diverse community; we have always been trailblazers in the art world. Unfortunately, our arts community has not been exempted from the struggles of the last year.

At the Memorial Art Gallery, art is more than just the focus of a museum. It is a conversation, history, and a uniting form of expression - the Memorial Art Gallery has made this their mission. From education to partnering with City Schools, the Memorial Art Gallery serves an important role in our community. During the course of the last year, the programs offered by the Memorial Art Gallery have offered those in our community struggling with anxiety and isolation a positive and productive outlet.

The Memorial Art Gallery has continued to navigate through the pandemic and offering its wide array of community beneficial services and programs throughout. However, like so many in our community, the Memorial Art Gallery has suffered from great revenue loss and heightened expenditures from COVID. Due to the Gallery's affiliation with the University of Rochester, they were not eligible to reimburse expenditures incurred due to COVID-19 through Federal funding as so many others in our community have. As a result of their revenue loss, heightened expenditures, and lack of qualification for other funding sources, the Gallery has found itself in an over \$1.5 million deficit. Therefore, pursuant to the authority provided in Section 224(12) of New York State County Law, I ask that this Honorable Body authorize the allocation of Community Contingency funding in order to provide the Gallery with the support it needs and deserves to continue its vital and integral role in our community.

The specific legislative actions required is:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute contracts, and any amendments thereto, with the Memorial Art Gallery, in the amount of \$100,000 for the period of December 14, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

2. Authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from general fund 9001, fund center 1001020000, Community Contingency Fund, to the Memorial Art Gallery.

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c) (26) ("routine of 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 agreement is included in the 2021 operating budget, general fund 9001, fund center 1001020000, Community Contingency Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,



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By Legislators _____

Intro. No.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2021

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR MEMORIAL ART GALLERY

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract; and any amendment thereto, with the Memorial Art Gallery in an amount of \$100,000.

Section 2. Such contract shall require the rendering of a verified account of the disbursements with verified or verified vouchers therefor attached and a refund of any unused amount, in accordance with the requirements of County Law § 224

Section 3. The 2021 Operating Budget is hereby amended to transfer \$100,000 from general fund 9001, funds center 1001020000, Community Contingency Fund, for the purposes of executing a funding contract with Memorial Art Gallery.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 21-____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LOCAL LAW: _____