



Office of the County Executive

MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Cheryl Dinolfo
County Executive

November 10, 2016

OFFICIAL FILE COPY
No. <u>160352</u>
Not to be removed from the Office of the Legislature Of Monroe County
Committee Assignment
<u>REC & ED</u> -L
WAYS & MEANS

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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to Fund Services at the Highland and Durand Eastman Parks' Arboretum

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, through the ZBGA (Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums Program), in the amount of \$731,154, to fund services at the Highland and Durand Eastman Parks' Arboretum, for the period of April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021.

This grant partially funds staff expenses associated with horticulture at the arboreta. The Highland and Durand Eastman Parks' Arboretum will receive \$731,154 for operating expenses through the ZBGA Program with five annual disbursements of \$146,231 each. This will be the 15th year that the County has received this grant. This year's grant represents an increase of \$24,467 from the 2015-2016 amount.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a \$731,154 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, to fund services at the Highland and Durand Eastman Parks' Arboreta, for the period of April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021.
2. Amend the 2016 operating grant budget of the Department of Parks by appropriating the sum of \$33,036 into fund 9300, funds center 8807010000, ZBGA Grant.

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 to 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.


Environmental assessment were completed for this action and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

Partial funding for this grant is included in the 2016 operating grant budget of the Department of Parks, fund 9300, funds center 8807010000, ZBGA Grant. The appropriated amount will adjust the current funding to that established by the grant.

This grant is 100% funded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget. Funding for subsequent years of this grant will be included in future years' budgets.

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

Sincerely,


Cheryl Dinolfo
Monroe County Executive

CD:db