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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 Seneca Park Zoo

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 \$1,350,779, to fund services at the Seneca Park Zoo, for the period of April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021.

This grant partially funds staff expenses associated with animal management and animal health care. The Seneca Park Zoo will receive \$1,350,779 for operating expenses through the ZBGA Program with five annual disbursements of \$270,156 each. This will be the 30th year the County has received this grant. This year's amount represents an increase of \$45,202 from the original 2015-2016 disbursement amount.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a \$1,350,779 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 Seneca Park Zoo, 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 \$61,037 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 assessments 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

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