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Monroe County Legislature Passes Legislation Providing Grants to Fine Arts Organizations Affected by COVID-19 Pandemic

ROCHESTER, NY – At last night’s meeting of the Monroe County Legislature, a resolution sponsored by Black and Asian Democratic Caucus Leader Ernest Flagler-Mitchell, Minority Leader Vincent R. Felder, and Legislator Frank Keophetlasy that will provide financial relief to fine arts organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic was approved with a bipartisan vote after being deemed to be a Matter of Urgency. The legislation uses money drawn from the Legislature’s Community Contingency Fund to create grants to be awarded to mid-size arts organizations in a total amount of \$136,000.

“The fine arts community in Monroe County is vibrant and must be nurtured,” said Black and Asian Democratic Caucus Leader **Ernest Flagler-Mitchell**. *“By providing this money, we can help people who have been overlooked, many of whom are people of color.”*

Upon the approval of the County Executive, the President of the Legislature will be authorized to execute agreements with 17 organizations named in the original resolution plus the Irondequoit Art Club, which was added via amendment.

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