

RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022

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RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Casale, Choquette, Zalewski

Sent To: Environment

Committee

Date July 12, 2022

Resolution No. G/7

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AND AQUARIUMS PROGRAM/NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST GRANT AND AMENDING THE 2022
RENSSELAER COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET - UNIFIED FAMILY SERVICES
- DYKEN POND CENTER**

WHEREAS, This Resolution is filed with the Rensselaer County Legislature by the Rensselaer County Executive; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer County Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center has been awarded \$38,748.89.00 from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums Program/Natural Heritage Trust Grant 2022 funding will be utilized to hire seasonal environmental educators to provide youth engagement activities at the Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rensselaer County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to sign the above-referenced agreement subject to the approval as to form by the Rensselaer County Attorney; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That any positions, programs, expenditures and/or agreements or contracts authorized or established pursuant to this Resolution shall terminate and cease upon discontinuance of said funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2022 Rensselaer County Adopted Budget shall be, and hereby is amended as follows:

2022 GENERAL FUND REVENUE

CODE/DESCRIPTION	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
A.8790.39101 Natural Heritage Trust Grant	\$37,342.00	\$1,406.00	\$38,748.00

2022 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

CODE/DESCRIPTION	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
A.8790.01007 Temporary Services	\$25,929.00	\$1,406.00	\$27,335.00

Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

July 12, 2022

Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive _____

Received from County Executive _____

Clerk of the Legislature



Executive Action

Approved _____ Date _____

Disapproved _____
Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

County Executive



**New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

ERIK KULLESEID
Commissioner

February 24, 2022

Lisa Hoyt
Director
Rensselaer County
475 Dyken Pond Rd.
Cropseyville, NY 12052

Dear Ms. Hoyt:

I am pleased to award your organization, Rensselaer County, a grant in the amount of \$38,748.89 through the Zoos, Botanical Gardens & Aquariums Program (ZBGA). This grant is to be used for care and interpretation of your Natural Heritage Collection.

ZBGA grants are funded through an annual appropriation in the state Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). The 2021-22 Budget, enacted last year by the Governor and State Legislature, provides \$16 million for the ZBGA program. This is the third consecutive year that ZBGA funding has been maintained at this historic level.

The ZBGA program operates on a five-year grant cycle. There will be no need to submit a new application until 2026. If the ZBGA appropriation remains level in fiscal years 2021-22 through 2025-26, your organization's grant award will be automatically renewed in each subsequent fiscal year. If the ZBGA appropriation changes in future years, we will inform you at that time of any change in your annual grant.

On behalf of Governor Hochul, I greatly appreciate the work that your organization is doing to advance the critical goal of educating New York residents and visitors about the diversity and beauty of the natural world by stewarding and interpreting living collections of plants and animals. Your organization plays a vital role in the quality of life and economic vitality of New York State.

Sincerely,

Erik Kulleseid
Commissioner

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Type of Legislation: Local Law: _____ G Resolution: X P Resolution: _____

Title of Legislation:

Requested by: Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center

Sponsor(s): Legislative Youth Committee

FISCAL IMPACT

1) Projected cost of proposed legislation, if any: \$ 38,748.89 current year
\$ 38,748.89 ongoing expenses
per year for five year contract

2) Method of financing – note all that apply (federal funding, state funding, bonding, tax levy, etc.): _____

a) For federal funding: amount \$ _____ and length of time federal funding is available _____. Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No _____

b) For state funding: amount \$ 38,748.89 and length of time state funding is available 3/1/22-12/31/22 . Is it available for ongoing expenses? Yes _____ or No X

c) If bonded, state amount of total indebtedness this legislation will create and projected interest cost over the course of borrowing:
Principal \$ _____
Total projected interest costs \$ _____

d) Tax levy impact for current year \$ _____ and ongoing \$ _____

e) Other (please explain) \$ _____

3) Is this expense or program mandated? Yes _____ No xx

4) Length of expense or project (one time only, ongoing, etc.): 2021-2026

Justification for the appropriation/expenditure requested. Include any revenue this will produce or any expense that will be avoided: The Natural Heritage Trust Grant will be used to hire seasonal educators to provide youth engagement activities.

Department Head:
 Pierce Hoyt