



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 6, 2026

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: 2026 External Capital Projects - Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Nonprofit Organizations

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find the enclosed memorandum and proposed resolution seeking authorization to enter into contracts with three nonprofit organizations to advance their respective capital improvement projects. This resolution will authorize three projects from the 2026 Capital Budget, authorized by your Honorable Body.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Daniel R. Castle, Commissioner, Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Daniel R. Castle, AICP, Commissioner of Environment and Planning

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Environment and Planning
Re: 2026 External Capital Projects - Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Nonprofit Organizations
Date: March 6, 2026

SUMMARY

This resolution implements a portion of the 2026 Capital Program by authorizing funding contracts with three nonprofit organizations as described below.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The expenditures associated with this resolution total \$673,400.

Organization	Amount
Roycroft Campus Corporation	\$173,400
Mental Health Services - Erie County South East Corporation V (dba Spectrum Health and Human Services)	\$400,000
Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, Inc.	\$100,000

The funding for the contracts was allocated in the 2026 Capital Budget.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The following projects are included:

Roycroft Campus Corporation - Historic restoration of print shop entry space located at 21 S. Grove St. in East Aurora. Restoration includes interior carpentry, reconstruction or restoration of period windows and doors, lighting, and related improvements.

Mental Health Services - Erie County South East Corporation V (dba Spectrum Health and Human Services) - Restoration of primary treatment center at 1280 Main St. in Buffalo, which sustained severe damage during the 2022 Blizzard.

Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, Inc. - Rehabilitation of the Adler Chapel located at the Ahavas Achim Cemetery at 532 Pine Ridge Heritage Blvd. in Cheektowaga. The building will serve as a visitor and history center in support of cultural and educational tourism activities.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If a resolution to authorize the funding contract is not approved, the Organizations will not be able to complete this work. The needed projects will be delayed until additional funding is secured, and project timelines will be extended until such time that additional funds can be raised.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of this resolution the Department of Environment and Planning will commence the contracting process.

**A DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

RE: 2026 External Capital Projects - Authorization to Enter into Contracts with Nonprofit Organizations

WHEREAS, the adopted 2026 Erie County Capital Budget allocated funding to a variety of community development and County projects; and

WHEREAS, the Organizations were among those selected for funding allocations; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie is interested in the fostering of tourism and supporting organizations providing behavioral health services to County residents; and

WHEREAS, additional legislation is needed to enter into contracts with awarded nonprofit organizations to facilitate the projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute contracts with the organizations as noted in the amounts indicated, from the capital accounts as noted:

Organization	Amount	Project	Account #
Roycroft Campus Corporation or related entities	\$173,400	Print Shop Entry Restoration	A.26060
Mental Health Services - Erie County South East Corporation V (dba Spectrum Health and Human Services) or related entities	\$400,000	1280 Main Street Construction	A.26061
Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo, Inc. or related entities	\$100,000	Adler Chapel Rehabilitation	A.26062

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Director of Budget and Management to make any necessary budgetary adjustments as needed to administer this project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Department of Law and County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute easements, deed restrictions, intermunicipal agreements and/or place additional requirements on the aforementioned contracting entity and associated real property (project location) as necessary to implement the projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Department of Law and Department of Environment and Planning.