

**Tompkins County Board of Representatives Book of Proceedings (April 20, 1999)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 81 - FUNDING OF 1999 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

MOVED by Mr. Stein, seconded by Mr. Winch. Mr. Stein said there is a total of \$30,000 available for developmental grants and \$12,500 available for developmental grants that have a celebration character. There is an additional amount of \$3,000 for celebrations that is not part of the room-tax funding that exists in the 1999 budget. There is also \$1,195 that remains from the 1998 budget and can be rolled over into celebrations. Mrs. Schuler noted she should not vote on one of the grants because she works for the applicant. Ms. Kiefer said she had read through the binder of applications n file at the Board Office and was troubled that some claim to be "new" projects whereas they have occurred before. She also noted that some that are repeats have been very successful, and even though they do not strictly meet the Committee guidelines of being either a new project or an expansion of an existing one, they do have a good record for attracting people and would add to a tourist's enjoyment of his stay here, so she hopes the new Tourism Board will modify the guidelines to allow and encourage such applications.

It was MOVED by Mrs. Schuler, seconded by Mr. Stein, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to separate out Kitchen/Hangar Theatres Summer Promotion for \$2,500.

It was MOVED by Mrs. Schuler, seconded by Ms. Kiefer, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to separate out Finger Lakes State Parks Nature Education for \$2,000.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Stein, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to separate out Center for Environmental Sustainability Earth Day for \$2,500 and reduce the amount to \$1,000 and move it to developmental grants.

A voice vote resulted as follows on the resolution as amended: Ayes - 11; Noes - 0; Excused - 4 (Representatives Blanchard, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, and Penniman). RESOLUTION AS AMENDED ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for tourism development using funds drawn entirely from the Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Board of Representatives through the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, That the following grants are recommended for approval using funding approved by the County Board and budgeted for Development Grants:

DeWitt Historical Society Education Destination	\$4,000
Greater Ithaca Arts Trail (through CAP)	\$4,000
New York Folklore Society Finn Funn	\$2,829
Ithaca Festival Ski Marathon	\$4,000
TC Chamber Sport Fishing TV	\$2,500
Community Arts Partnership Ithaca Artists Market	\$1,000
Women's Community Building Antique Show	\$2,000
Cayuga Nature Center TreeTops	\$3,000

RESOLVED, further, That the following grants are recommended for approval using monies originally budgeted for Celebrations:

Cornell Cooperative Extension Farm City Day	\$3,500
Trumansburg Chamber of Commerce Festival of Lights	\$3,500
Southside Community Center Juneteenth Celebration	\$3,000

RESOLVED, further, That Tompkins County is authorized to sign multi-year contracts with the Center for Environmental Sustainability and the Ithaca Festival, as these projects will be implemented in 2000, RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned projects.

**SEQR ACTIONS:**

DeWitt Historical Society Education Destination	TYPE II-8
Greater Ithaca Arts Trail	TYPE II-15
New York Folklore Society Finn Funn	TYPE 11-15
Ithaca Festival Ski Marathon	TYPE 11-15
Tompkins County Sport Fishing TV	TYPE 11-20
Community Arts Partnership Ithaca Artist's Market	TYPE 11-15
Women's Community Building Antique Show	TYPE 11-15
Cayuga Nature Center TreeTops 2000	TYPE 11-7
Cornell Cooperative Extension Farm City Day	TYPE 11-20
Trumansburg Chamber of Commerce Festival of Lights	TYPE 11-20
Southside Community Center Juneteenth Celebration	TYPE 11-20

**RESOLUTION NO. 82 - FUNDING OF 1999 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (KITCHEN/HANGAR THEATRES SUMMER PROMOTION)**

MOVED by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Stein. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 10; Noes - 0; Abstention - 1 (Representative Schuler who works for the Hangar Theatre); Excused - 4 (Representatives Blanchard, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, and Penniman). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for tourism development using funds drawn entirely from the Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Board of Representatives through the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, That the following grant is recommended for approval using funding approved by the County Board and budgeted for Development Grants:

Kitchen/Hangar Theatres Summer Promotion \$2,500

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned project.

**SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-20**

**RESOLUTION NO. 83 - FUNDING OF 1999 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (FINGER LAKES STATE PARKS NATURE EDUCATION)**

MOVED by Mrs. Schuler, seconded by Ms. Kiefer. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 4 (Representatives Evans, Proto, Todd, and Mink); Noes - 7 (Representatives Davis, Kiefer, Lane, Schuler, Stein, Totman, and Winch); Excused - 4 (Representatives Blanchard, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, and Penniman). RESOLUTION LOST.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for tourism development using funds drawn entirely from the Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Board of Representatives through the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, That the following grant is recommended for approval using funding approved by the County Board and budgeted for Development Grants:

Finger Lakes State Parks Nature Education	\$2,000
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RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned project.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 84 - FUNDING OF 1999 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY EARTH DAY)**

MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Stein, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for tourism development using funds drawn entirely from the Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Board of Representatives through the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, That the following grant is recommended for approval using funding approved by the County Board and budgeted for Development Grants:

Center for Environmental Sustainability Earth Day \$1,000

RESOLVED, further, That Tompkins County is authorized to sign multi-year contracts with the Center for Environmental Sustainability as this project will be implemented in 2000.

**SEQR ACTION:** TYPE II-20

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**Addition of Resolution(s) to the Agenda**

On motion and duly seconded and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to add the following resolutions to the agenda:

- Funding of 1999 Tourism Development Grant (Ithaca Downtown Partnership Vintage Car Show)
- Funding of 1999 Tourism Development Grant (Ithaca Downtown Partnership Chili Cookoff/Winter Carnival)

**RESOLUTION NO. 85 - FUNDING OF 1999 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (ITHACA DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP VINTAGE CAR SHOW)**

MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mrs. Schuler. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 4 (Representatives Kiefer, Proto, Schuler, and Stein); Noes - 7; Excused - 4 (Representatives Blanchard, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, and Penniman). RESOLUTION LOST.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for tourism development using funds drawn entirely from the Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Board of Representatives through the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, That the following grant is recommended for approval using monies originally budgeted for Celebrations:

Ithaca Downtown Partnership Vintage Car Show \$1,000

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned project.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 86 - FUNDING OF 1999 TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GRANT (ITHACA DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP CHILI COOKOFF/WINTER CARNIVAL)**

MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Stein. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 3 (Representatives Kiefer, Schuler, and Stein); Noes - 8; Excused - 4 (Representatives Blanchard, Joseph, Koplinka-Loehr, and Penniman). RESOLUTION LOST.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has a grant program for tourism development using funds drawn entirely from the Room Occupancy Tax, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has requested and reviewed grant applications for recommendation to the Tompkins County Board of Representatives through the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Economic and Workforce Development Committee, That the following grant is recommended for approval using monies originally budgeted for Celebrations:

Ithaca Downtown Partnership Chili Cook-Off/Winter Carnival \$1,500

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or designee shall be authorized to sign any documents related to the aforementioned project.

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Ms. Kiefer asked for some feedback about why proposals from the Ithaca Downtown Partnership are not being supported. Chair Mink asked that the committee discuss that and report back to Ms. Kiefer.

Mr. Proto urged that an effort be made that all municipalities be alerted that there is some celebration money left and are welcome to apply.