

RESOLUTION NO. 982-2020, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH RESTORATION OF FACADES AT SUFFOLK COUNTY VANDERBILT MUSEUM (CP 7441)

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, is the former summer estate of William K. Vanderbilt II, and is a major destination that attracts more than 110,000 visitors each year from Suffolk County and from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Museum's historic stucco buildings are approaching 100 years of age; and

WHEREAS, long-term exposure to salt air and severe winter conditions have caused the exterior walls and the ornate architectural details to crack and crumble; and

WHEREAS, the disintegrating building exteriors have resulted in significant water intrusion that destroys the interior finishes; and

WHEREAS, the deterioration of the iconic clock tower has reached the point that it is wrapped in netting to prevent chunks of the building from falling to the ground, and the facade of the Hall of Fishes is wrapped in netting to prevent debris from falling and requires scaffolding over the front doorway to allow safe entrance into the first-floor exhibit gallery; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Director of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum has requested construction funds for restoration of the Estate's historic facades; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds within the 2020 Capital Budget and Program to cover the cost of said request; and

WHEREAS, that this Legislature, by resolution of even date herewith, has authorized the issuance of \$500,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 571-1998, Resolution No. 209-2000 and Resolution No. 461-2006 established the use of a priority ranking system, implemented in the Adopted 2020 Capital Budget, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of fifty (50), is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994 as revised by Resolution No. 571-1998, Resolution No. 209-2000 and Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the proceeds of \$500,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds be and they hereby are appropriated as follows:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-7441.317	Restoration of Facades at Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum	\$500,000

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the County Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take such action as may be necessary, for the construction of facades at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that funding for this project will be repaid through use of the enterprise fund established for the Vanderbilt Museum in Resolution No. xxx-2020, A Local Law to provide more consistent funding to the Vanderbilt Museum; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Lead Agency, hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this law is a Type II action, pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(C) (1), (2) and (31), since it constitutes a local legislative decision in connection with the maintenance, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes and the purchase of furnishings, equipment and supplies, other than land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides or other hazardous materials, and adoption of a local legislative decision in connection with the same. As a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA.

DATED: December 15, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 21, 2020