

COUNCIL RESOLUTION #39 OF 2022

**SUPPORTING THE SCHWEINFURTH ART CENTER WITH ITS
APPLICATION FOR A DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GRANT**

By Councilor Giannettino

April 14, 2022

WHEREAS, the Schweinfurth Art Center located at 205 Genesee Street in Auburn is a non-profit gallery and multi-arts facility that offers a wide array of exhibits, programs, art classes and workshops for children, teens and adults in our community; and

WHEREAS, the art center contributes significantly to our community's quality of life and is a prominent tourist attraction within the Central and Finger Lakes regions of our state, and

WHEREAS, the art center is a participating member of the City's Historic and Cultural Sites Commission; and

WHEREAS, together with the Cayuga Museum of History and Art, the Schweinfurth Art Center is investing in the largest awarded project of the City of Auburn's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant program, the \$3.75 million project known as the West End Arts Campus that received a DRI grant award of \$1.9 million towards the project; and

WHEREAS, the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program includes the Census Tracts that are identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as eligible for CDBG investment, based on the fact that more than 51% of residents in these census tracts are low or moderate income, and census tract 421, where both the Schweinfurth Art Center and the Cayuga Museum are located, is included in this list, and, is also the Qualified Census Tract for investment of the City's American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding; and

WHEREAS, the City has further supported the West End Arts Campus project with allocations of \$250,000 each to the Schweinfurth Art Center and Cayuga Museum to support their respective portions of the project; and

WHEREAS, this spring Congressman John Katko has made available Community Project Funding Request opportunities for Fiscal Year 2023 and the Schweinfurth Art Center will be applying for a Department of Housing and Urban Development- Economic Development Initiative (EDI) grant of \$350,000 for their part of the West End Arts Campus project; and

WHEREAS, the Schweinfurth Art Center's investment in the West End Art's Campus will bring revitalization to the city's western gateway to downtown, as well as, the neighborhood located in census tract 421 which has been identified as the Qualified Census Tract for investment of the city's ARPA funding making this project a high priority for our city.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Auburn, New York:

City of Auburn, New York

1. That the City Council of the City of Auburn strongly supports the Schweinfurth Art Center with its Community Project Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2023 to Congressman John Katko for a Department of Housing and Urban Development-Economic Development Initiative (EDI) grant of \$350,000 for their part of the West End Arts Campus project; and
2. The City Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Schweinfurth Art Center to include the resolution in its grant application.

Seconded by Councilor Cuddy

	Ayes	Noes	Excused
Councilor Kent	X		
Councilor Giannettino	X		
Councilor Cuddy	X		
Councilor Locastro	X		
Mayor Quill	X		
Carried and Adopted	X		

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF CAYUGA)

I, CHARLES MASON, Clerk of the City of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York (the “City”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed abstract of the minutes of the meeting of the Council of the City (the “Council”), held on the 14th day of April, 2022, including the Council Resolution #39 of 2022 contained therein, with the original thereof on file in my office, and the attached is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City this 15th day of April, 2022.



Charles Mason, Clerk
City of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York