



**Tompkins County Legislature**

Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Meeting: 05/19/15 05:30 PM  
Department: Planning Department  
Category: Tourism  
Functional Category:

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**ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION NO.  
2015-111**

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## Award of 2015 Tourism Capital Grants - Tompkins County Area Development

**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Peter Stein, Member  
**SECONDER:** Martha Robertson, Member  
**AYES:** Dennis, Luz Herrera, Kiefer, Klein, Lane, McBean-Clairborne, McKenna, Robertson, Morey, Shinagawa, Sigler, Stein  
**EXCUSED:** Will Burbank, Carol Chock

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Tourism Program includes Tourism Capital Grants and Tompkins County Area Development (TCAD) administers the Tourism Capital Grants process, which includes designing the application process, reviewing and analyzing the feasibility and economic impact of tourism capital projects, and providing oversight for tourism capital projects, and

WHEREAS, funding exists within the Room Occupancy Tax funded Tompkins County Tourism Program budget for Tourism Capital Grants, and

WHEREAS, TCAD reviewed the following projects with the Strategic Tourism Planning Board (STPB), and the STPB anticipates that the following projects will encourage the development of tourism products and attractions in order to improve community assets, to increase tourism business in the County, and to increase the income from the Room Occupancy Tax, and the following grant awards have been recommended by the STPB, and

WHEREAS, an additional project, the City of Ithaca’s Lake Street Public Park Enhancement project, has also been recommended for funding by the STPB in 2015 in the amount of \$10,000 (and \$10,000 recommended in 2016), but requires completion of an environmental review prior to the Legislature acting on that recommendation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Economic Development Committee, That following Tourism Capital Grants be awarded in 2015:

Applicant	Award
Ithaca Children’s Garden: Very Hungry Caterpillar Boardwalk Study	<b>\$16,000 (2015)</b>
TC Chamber Foundation: Stewart Park Buildings Five-Year Priority Plan	<b>\$20,000 (2015)</b>
Ithaca Farmers Market Bathroom Trailer	<b>\$5,000 (2015)</b>
PRI MotE Smithsonian exhibits	<b>\$23,000 (2015)</b> \$27,000 (2016)
Sciencenter: Sagan Walk Expansion	<b>\$20,000 (2015)</b> \$5,000 (2016)

RESOLVED, further, That TCAD is paid an amount up to \$13,936 for administrative evaluation and oversight

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to sign any agreements with the award recipients and TCAD pertaining to this program,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tourism Capital Grant Program budget for 2015 is increased by \$18,976 bringing the total modified 2015 budget for this program from \$199,962 to \$218,938:

6475.54625 Tourism Capital Grant Program	\$18,976
6475.41113 Room Tax	\$18,976

**SEQR ACTION:**

- Children's Garden Boardwalk Study - Type II-21
- Stewart Park Buildings Plan - Type II-21
- Ithaca Farmers Market Bathroom Trailer - Type II-7
- PRI MotE Smithsonian Exhibits - Type II-20
- Sciencenter: Sagan Walk Expansion - Type II-7