



# SUSPENSION



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County of Erie  
County Executive Chris Collins  
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Reference: 2011 County Budget

Dear County Executive Collins:

As per past correspondence and in reply to the latest letter from Jon Schmieder, Constituent Liaison, dated May 18, 2011, we are hereby requesting financial assistance from Erie County.

The capital project we would like funded is for a new roof and gutters for our 1885 former church/funeral home which is now the Iron Island Museum. The water has leaked into various museum rooms which house our collection of military items, railroad memorabilia, neighborhood photos and much more. Thus, this water damage will now also have to be repaired. However, we are requesting \$30,000.00 from the county for the roof repairs at this time.

We have, in the past, received financial assistance from the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, The M & T Charitable Foundation and a select few of our elected officials. We will again be requesting funds from the above for ceiling repairs, stained glass restoration and other capital improvements. Our group will also contact the Junior League of Buffalo, the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo, HSBC Bank and others for assistance.

As you know, we have applications in to our NYS Senator, EC Legislator, Mayor, City of Buffalo and will contact our US Congressman and our other elected representatives, most of whom are familiar with the society's long history of volunteer work within our area and beyond. Our museum was featured on three national television shows and has attracted visitors, not only city & county-wide, but from 5 foreign countries and 45 states. Our building is used by many other groups for meetings and is the main meeting location for the Patriot Guard Riders, Region 1, Veteran Recovery Program.

Please consider our call for assistance for our capital project. We appreciate whatever you can do for us at this time and welcome you and your staff to visit our museum at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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