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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 18, 2012

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street– Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Establish Systems Integration Grant Budget

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to establish the budget for the Department of Senior Services' Systems Integration grant for the January 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact Anthony Gregorczyk, Supervisor of Grants Administration in the Department of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

Cc: Anthony Gregorczyk, Dept of Senior Services
Randy Hoak, Dept of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Establish Systems Integration Grant Budget
Date: December 17, 2012

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to establish the budget for a Systems Integration grant for the period January 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

County funds are not required. The $64,000 grant is 100% State funded.

REASONS FOR RECOMENDATION

This additional funding will assist the Department to make programmatic changes to NY Connects that will help ensure that older adults, individuals with disabilities and family caregivers have access to an integrated system of high quality, evidence-based services that can help individuals remain independent and healthy in the community.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) recently made these system integration funds available to enhance Area Offices on the Aging, local NY Connects point of entry infrastructures. The aim is to further improve consumer friendly access to quality long term care by: fortifying linkages to the range of publicly and privately financed long term care services and supports; enhancing and expanding information and assistance; increasing access to public benefits, as appropriate, as well as evidence-based health promotion/prevention programs, and by establishing a dementia capable system through formal inter-connection with the Alzheimer's Association network of services.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department would be unable to utilize these available grant funds to improve our processes for providing services to seniors.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department will establish the Systems Integration grant and carry out applicable grant objectives.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Establish Systems Integration
Grant Budget

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for Aging has notified the Department of Senior Services that the Department has been awarded $64,000 for the Systems Integration grant for the period January 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, System Integration grant funds will be used to enhance the Department's NY Connects point of entry program for seniors and their caregivers by fortifying linkages to the range of publicly and privately financed long term care services and supports; enhancing and expanding information and assistance; increasing access to public benefits, as appropriate, as well as evidence-based health promotion/prevention programs, and by establishing a dementia capable system through formal inter-connection with the Alzheimer's Association network of services; and

WHEREAS, a local match is not required for this grant, as it is 100% State funded; and

WHEREAS, the System Integration grant budget needs to be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to accept the Systems Integration grant funds from the New York State Office for Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Systems Integration grant, (163SysInt1314), be established as follows:

		INITIAL BUDGET
REVENUES		
Account	Description	
409000	State Aid	$64,000
APPROPRIATIONS		
510100	Out of Area Travel	$ 2,350
510200	Dues & Fees	2,000
516020	Professional Svcs & Fees	21,800
530000	Other Expenses	14,162
916390	ID Senior Srvs Grant Svcs	23,688
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$64,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust budgets as required to comply with State approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office, and the Department of Senior Services.