



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 3, 2013

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

RE: Establish Falls Prevention Grant Budget

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to establish the budget for the Department of Senior Services' Falls Prevention grant for the period December 1, 2012, through June 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
Erie County Executive

Enclosure
MCP/bb

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 Falls Prevention Grant Budget
Date: January 3, 2013

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to establish the budget for a Falls Prevention grant for the period December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

County funds are not required. The \$25,000 grant is 100% funded by the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York.

REASONS FOR RECOMENDATION

This additional funding will allow the Department to put mechanisms in place to collect timely information on falls prevention activities occurring in the community that can then be disseminated to individuals calling NY Connects. In addition grant funds will be used to make modifications to our client tracking software, which will help us better identify clients that are considered at elevated risk for falls and in need of a falls prevention intervention.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

One out of every three people over the age of 65 will fall each year, and often these falls lead to a loss of independence. Many falls will occur at or near a person's home and are preventable. This is the third in a series of grants the department has received from the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York as a member of the Western New York Falls Prevention consortium. The Consortium works to improve falls prevention and intervention for older adults by developing common approaches to education, assessment, and intervention.

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 Falls Prevention grant and carry out applicable grant objectives.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES**

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WHEREAS, the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York has notified the Department of Senior Services that the Department has been awarded \$25,000 for a Falls Prevention grant for the period December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Falls Prevention grant funds will be used by the Department of Senior Services to improve the ability to collect timely information on falls prevention activities occurring in the community, and make modifications to client tracking software to help better identify clients that are considered at elevated risk for falls.

WHEREAS, a local match is not required for this grant, as it is 100% funded by the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Prevention grant budget needs to be established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York to accept the Falls Prevention grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Falls Prevention grant, (163FALLS1214), be established as follows:

| REVENUES | | INITIAL BUDGET |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Account | Description | |
| 417060 | Other Income | \$25,000 |
| APPROPRIATIONS | | |
| 516020 | Professional Svcs & Fees | 11,400 |
| 916390 | ID Senior Svcs Grant Svcs | <u>13,600</u> |
| | TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | \$25,000 |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust budgets as required to comply with the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York 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.