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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 19, 2013

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

RE: Consultant Contract for Falls Prevention Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to enter into a \$5,000 contract with a consultant 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 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: Consultant Contract for Falls Prevention Grant
Date: February 6, 2013

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to allow the department to enter into a \$5,000 contract with a consultant for the Falls Prevention grant, for the period December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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

REASONS FOR RECOMENDATION

Our accepted grant proposal and contract with the Health Foundation of Western & Central New York calls for a portion of the grant funds to be used to compensate a consultant who will complete the initial canvassing of falls prevention programs and offerings in Erie County, and support outreach on the use of our new web-based tool for gathering on-going information on falls prevention programs. The grant proposal identifies Ms. Patricia Watson, a Licensed Master Social Worker, as the consultant the department will utilize.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ms. Watson, until recently retiring from her Supervisor Case Management Services position with the Department, had been the point person on previous falls prevention efforts between the Department and Health Foundation of Western and Central New York, and is felt by both parties to be the logical choice to function as the consultant given her knowledge and expertise in this area.

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 enter into the consultant contract and carry out the applicable Falls Prevention grant objectives.

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

**RE: Consultant Contract for
 Falls Prevention Grant**

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services (Department) , \$25,000 Falls Prevention Grant, for the period December 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 is 100% funded by the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York (Foundation), and

WHEREAS, the Department's grant proposal and contract with the Foundation calls for a portion of the grant funds to be used to compensate a consultant who will complete the initial canvassing of falls prevention programs and offerings in Erie County, and support outreach on the use of our new web-based tool for gathering on-going information on falls prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the grant proposal specifically identifies Ms. Patricia Watson, a Licensed Master Social Worker as the consultant the department will utilize, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Watson, until recently retiring from her Supervisor Case Management Services position with the Department, had been the point person between the Department and Foundation on previous falls prevention efforts and is felt by both parties as the logical choice to function as the consultant given her knowledge and expertise in this area; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Senior Services desires to contract with Ms. Watson, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, to function as the consultant for the Falls Prevention Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a \$5,000 consultant contract with Ms. Patricia Watson, for the Department of Senior Services Falls Prevention Grant; 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.