COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 16, 2014

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Establish MIPPA/ADRC 2013-2014 Grant Funding

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department of Senior Services requesting authorization to accept $34,128 of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) grant funding, from the New York State Office for the Aging, for the period September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2014.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Randall Hoak at the Department of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Randall Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To:	Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From:	Department of Senior Services
Re:	Establish MIPPA/ADRC 2013-2014 Grant Funding
Date:	January 16, 2014

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to accept $34,128 of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) grant funding, from the New York State Office of the Aging (NYSOFA), for the period September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2014.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds required. The grant is 100% federally funded.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds will extend and enhance the Department of Senior Services outreach efforts to beneficiaries on Medicare Part D, particularly those on limited incomes or living in rural areas of the County, as well as informing all Medicare beneficiaries about Medicare prevention and wellness benefits.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Senior Services' NY Connects and HIICAP programs, currently assists seniors and their families to identify and gain access to the full range of services available to help them meet their needs for care and to provide health insurance information and counseling in assessing their health coverage needs and selecting the most appropriate insurance option.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services would be unable to strengthen and improve the outreach of its existing health insurance assistance and NY Connects programs serving Erie County's seniors.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will establish the budget for the MIPPA/ADRC Grant.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Establish MIPPA/ADRC 2013-2014 Grant Funding

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has recently awarded the Department of Senior Services $34,128 of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Provider Act (MIPPA) grant funds for the period September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the funds are to be utilized for the purpose of enhancing the Department of Senior Services outreach efforts to beneficiaries on Medicare Part D, particularly those on limited incomes or living in rural areas of the County, as well as informing all Medicare beneficiaries about Medicare prevention and wellness benefits; and

WHEREAS, the grant is 100% federally funded and does not require a local share;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with NYSOFA to accept the MIPPA funding for the period September 30, 2013 to September 29, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with NYSOFA to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163MIPPA/ADRC1314 grant, be established as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
505000	Office Supplies	$ 500
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	$ 800
516020	Professional Services & Fees	$26,928
530000	Other Expenses	$ 4,100
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	$ 1,800
	TOTAL CHANGE	$34,128

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
414000	Federal Aid	$34,128
	TOTAL CHANGE	$34,128

and be it further

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

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