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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 9, 2011

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

RE: Employee Subsidized Wage Stimulus Grant Increase

Honorable Members:

New York State has awarded additional funds to Erie County for initiatives to support subsidized employment. This funding will be used to provide wage subsidies to employers through the Health Care Jobs program and the Transitional Jobs program. Health Care and Transitional Jobs are by preapproved allocation.

Subsidized employment serves as an important component of any district's employment services array by providing effective placements for individuals who may lack an adequate or demonstrated work history, who have other barriers to employment, or when employment opportunities in the community are limited. There is no fiscal impact to this resolution as there is 100% federal reimbursement for these programs with no local share.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Collins".

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Social Services
Re: Employee Subsidized Wage Stimulus Grant Increase
Date: September 9, 2011

SUMMARY

New York State has awarded additional funds to Erie County for initiatives to support subsidized employment. This funding will be used to provide wage subsidies to employers through the Health Care Jobs program and the Transitional Jobs program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to this resolution as there is 100% federal reimbursement.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Subsidized employment serves as an important component of any district's employment services array by providing effective placements for individuals who may lack an adequate or demonstrated work history, who have other barriers to employment, or when employment opportunities in the community are limited.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Health Care and Transitional Jobs are by preapproved allocation.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

There will be limited subsidized employment opportunities in the community.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Funding will be used to support these services.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RE: Employee Subsidized Wage
Stimulus Grant Increase

WHEREAS, New York State has awarded additional funds to Erie County for initiatives to support subsidized employment. This funding will be used to provide wage subsidies to employers through the Health Care Jobs program and the Transitional Jobs program; and

WHEREAS, subsidized employment serves as an important component of any district's employment services array by providing effective placements for individuals who may lack an adequate or demonstrated work history, who have other barriers to employment, or when employment opportunities in the community are limited; and

WHEREAS, Health Care and Transitional Jobs are by preapproved allocation; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution as there is 100% federal reimbursement for these programs with no local share.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to accept funds in the amount of \$277,566 for the "Employee Subsidized Wage Stimulus" grant program and to amend the budget of the existing grant project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following appropriations are established in the Department of Social Services for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2012 for the Employee Subsidized Wage Stimulus grant program:

Department of Social Services, Fund Center 120, Fund 281

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
530030	Health Care Wage Subsidies	89,129 530030
	Transitional Wage Subsidies 178,119	
530000	Health Care Bus Passes	3,022
530000	Transitional Bus Passes	<u>7,296</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u>\$277,566</u>
409000	State Aid Grant Program	<u>\$277,566</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$277,566</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.