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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

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### **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:**

<b>REVENUES</b>		<b>INITIAL BUDGET</b>
<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	
409000	State Aid	\$64,000
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
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 Svcs Grant Svcs	23,688
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$64,000</b>

**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.**