



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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September 24, 2013

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

**RE: Expanded Partner Services
10/1/13 – 6/30/14**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Health Department has received a grant award in the amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of working with the New York State Health Department and AIDS Institute to facilitate the re-engagement in medical care to persons thought to be out-of-care and living with HIV/AIDS.

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the acceptance of the grant award which includes the creation of one full-time position of Senior Disease Intervention Specialist, JG 8.

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

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive

Enclosure
MCP:lmg

cc: Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner, Department of Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Health Department
Re: Expanded Partner Services Grant 10/1/13 – 6/30/14
Date: September 24, 2013

SUMMARY

To authorize the acceptance of a grant award from the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of working with the New York State Health Department and AIDS Institute to facilitate the re-engagement in medical care to persons thought to be out-of-care and living with HIV/AIDS.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive. Fully funded by the New York State Department of Health.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Patients with HIV who are in-care have positive outcomes, less negative health events, and are much less infectious to partners. This program will also notify, test and treat partners and distribute condoms to sexually active HIV positive persons and their partners. This is a pilot program which is expected to become a five year project.

This grant provides one full-time position of Senior Disease Intervention Specialist, JG 8 whose responsibilities include follow up of individuals with HIV/AIDS who have been out of care for 13 – 24 months, re-engage them in care, provide support and encouragement to allow them to remain in care and have positive outcomes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This funding expands services of a Disease Intervention Specialist to those individuals who are known to be HIV positive and not currently in care. The Senior Disease Intervention Specialist will reach out to individuals with HIV who are out of care, will re-engage them in care which will lead to positive outcomes, less negative health events and lower levels of infectiousness to partners.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

We will be unable to accept the funding from the New York State Department of Health which will result in poor outcomes for individuals living with HIV in our community who are currently not in care.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Erie County Health Department will take appropriate steps necessary to accept the grant award.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**RE: Expanded Partner Services
10/1/13 – 6/30/14**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health received a grant award from the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of working with the New York State Health Department and AIDS Institute to facilitate the re-engagement in medical care to persons thought to be out-of-care and living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, this program will also notify, test and treat partners and distribute condoms to sexually active HIV positive persons and their partners; and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the requirements of the program it will be necessary to create one full-time position of Senior Disease Intervention Specialist, JG 8, Step 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to accept the grant award from the New York State Department of Health to be budgeted as follows:

**Expanded Partner Services
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10/1/13 – 6/30/14**

SAP	REVENUE	BUDGET
409000	State Aid	<u>\$75,000</u>
	Total	<u>\$75,000</u>
	EXPENSES	
500000	Full Time Staff	\$27,790
502000	Fringe Benefits	21,905
505000	Office Supplies	500
510000	Local Travel	1,200
510100	Out of Area Travel	2,775
510200	Training & Education	500
530000	Other Expenses	3,000
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	1,150
912700	ID – Health Services	15,580
980000	DISS	<u>600</u>
	Total	<u>\$75,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that one full-time position of Senior Intervention Specialist, JG 8, is hereby created as indicated on B100# 7411; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner in the Erie County Health Department, 9th Floor, Rath Building.