SUSPENSION

COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 2, 2014

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

Re: Amend CSE 2014-15 grant budget

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Senior Services to receive an additional $282,369 of Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) grant funds, from New York State Office for the Aging, and amend the grant budget for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Randy Hoak in the Department of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Randy Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Amend CSE 2014-15 grant budget
Date: September 2, 2014

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to accept $282,369 of additional Community Service for the Elderly (CSE) grant funds from the NY State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) and amend the 163CSE1415 grant for the period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. The additional monies will be utilized to increase CSE services, including transportation, case management, and adult day care the Department of Senior Services and its subcontractors provide to eligible seniors. The funds will also allow for the purchase of two replacement vans for the Department's Going Places Fleet and the transfer of the Health and Wellness Coordinator position from the 163III-D2014 grant to the 163CSE1415 grant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional county funds are required, since sufficient matching funds already exist in the CSE grant.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

State funding for the Department's programs has remained flat, and in the case of some grants, actually declined over the past few years. At the same time the number of seniors living in the county, and the demand for Department's services, have been increasing. These additional funds will provide significant help to meet the growing needs of our aging population.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CSE grant funding is designed to provide seniors with various services, to assist them in remaining in their homes. Services include transportation, case management, information and assistance, adult day care, chore services and minor residential repairs. Local advocacy efforts were instrumental in increasing NY State's 2014-15 funding for the CSE program by $5,000,000 to help address the growing need of the State's seniors for CSE services. The additional $282,369 is Erie County's share of this successful advocacy effort.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services would be unable to utilize these additional monies to increase services for the benefit of seniors in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will amend the 163CSE1415 grant budget with its related personnel change and departmental contracts with applicable subcontractors, so that these additional CSE services can be provided to Erie County seniors.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Amend CSE 2014-15 grant budget

WHEREAS, the NY State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has awarded the Department of Senior Services an additional $282,369 of Community Service for the Elderly (CSE) funding for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31 2015; and

WHEREAS no additional County funds are required to draw down these additional State monies since sufficient matching funds already exist in the CSE grant; and

WHEREAS the Department of Senior Services currently contracts, within the CSE grant, with a variety of subcontract agencies to provide case management, transportation and adult day care services for eligible seniors, and desires to increase funding for these agencies services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services through other grants, contracts with the Center for Transportation Excellence, LLC (CTE) and Western New York Independent Living, Inc. (WNYIL) to provide wheelchair and other rides to seniors as part of the Going Places transportation program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services recognizes the importance of the Going Places transportation program in providing medical and other rides for seniors and desires to ensure that transportation needs will continue to be met now and in the future by using a portion of the additional monies to purchase two replacement vans for the Going Places fleet; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services, through other grants, contracts with Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of Western New York, Inc. (LSED) to provide legal services for eligible seniors and now desires to increase LSED funding to help cover increases in costs to perform such legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services will undertake a new initiative with ECMC to promote fall prevention, as falls are a significant reason for seniors needing medical services, through the distribution of fall prevention packets to seniors receiving care at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services, desires to transfer effective October 4, 2014, of the Health and Wellness Coordinator Sr Svc position (#51008532) from the 163III-D2014 grant to the 163CSE1415 grant; and

WHEREAS, Department of Senior Services also desires to allocate additional monies for its minor residential repair program for eligible seniors, start a group respite initiative and enact software updates for the Department's PeerPlace case management computer system; and

WHEREAS, the 163CSE1415 grant budget for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, is now in need of revision to reflect these additional grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Department of Senior Services be and is hereby authorized to accept the additional $282,369 of NYSOFA funding for the 163CSE1415 grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to amend existing Department of Senior Services contracts, for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 with the subcontract agencies to provide an additional:

- $49,650 for case management, information & assistance and chore services, allocated proportionally among existing case management agencies based on the number of case managers at each agency.
- $11,848 for transportation services, allocated among existing transportation agencies based on the number of weekly transportation hours each provides to the Going Places program.
- $40,000 in the aggregate amount for adult day care services with organizations already authorized as per the 2014 Adopted Budget.

and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to amend Department's contracts with CTE and WNYIL, for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 and increase the aggregate contract amount by $13,152 to purchase additional rides for the Going Places Transportation Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Department of Senior Services is authorized to purchase, through the County's Division of Purchase, two new replacement vans for the Going Places transportation fleet; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to contract with Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of Western New York, Inc. and increase funding $20,000, for the period October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, to cover increases in the costs of providing legal services for eligible seniors; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a $2,500 contract with ECMC for the period October 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 and will utilize $10,000 to purchase falls prevention program packets; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Department of Senior Services is hereby authorized, effective October 4, 2014, to transfer the Health and Wellness Coordinator Sr Svc position (#51008532) from the 163IIID-2014 grant to the 163CSE1415 grant (B100 #7914) to allow for restructuring of the III-D Health promotion programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Department of Senior Services also desires to allocate $25,000 of additional monies for its minor residential repair program for eligible seniors, $10,000 for a group respite initiative and $7,246 for software updates for the Department's PeerPlace case management computer system; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Community Services for the Elderly 163CSE415 grant, be amended as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES				
Account	Description			
409000	State Aid Revenues	$1,035,553	+$282,369	$1,317,922
	TOTAL CHANGE		$+282,369	
APPROPRIATIONS				
Account	Description			
500000	Full Time - Salaries	$232,202	+$17,724	$249,926
502000	Fringe Benefits	156,810	+11,249	168,059
516020	Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	4,927	+23,152	28,079
516023	Adult Day Care	68,406	+40,000	108,406
516030	Maintenance Contracts	25,510	+7,246	32,756
517194	Legal Svcs for Elderly	-0-	+20,000	20,000
517561	Community Concern of WNY	60,725	+5,350	66,075
517521	Red Cross	10,000	+720	10,720
517573	Concerned Ecumenical Ministry	39,580	+6,000	45,580
517693	Lt. Col. Matt Urban Center	278,630	+14,900	293,530
517737	NWest Buff Comm Ctr	61,940	+2,273	64,213
517741	Old First Ward Community Ctr	25,730	+900	26,630
517755	People, Inc.	56,680	+6,000	62,680
517785	Schiller Park	238,780	+10,707	249,487
517797	South Buffalo	109,565	+7,000	116,565
517829	Amherst	16,000	+6,500	22,500
517853	West Side	28,330	+1,148	29,478
516050	Dept Pymts to ECMC	-0-	+2,500	2,500
530000	Other Expense	29,725	+35,000	64,725
561400	Motor Vehicles	-0-	+64,000	64,000
	TOTAL CHANGE		+282,369	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that, the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to grantor awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, and if necessary, the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute amendments to Senior Services agencies contracts to effectuate adjusted 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 Senior Services.