



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

**Re: Creation of Pilot Partnership with Buffalo Car Share (BCS) and the
Salvation Army Congregate Dining Site**

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Senior Services to initiate a senior congregate dining site transportation pilot program with the Salvation Army and Buffalo Car Share.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Poloncarz". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/jr
Enclosure

cc: Randy Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Creation of Pilot Partnership with Buffalo Car Share (BCS) and the Salvation Army Congregate Dining Site
Date: December 12, 2014

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to authorize the Department of Senior Services to initiate a transportation pilot program at the Salvation Army's Stay Fit congregate dining site on Main Street in Buffalo. The initiative would utilize Buffalo Car Share vehicles to transport seniors to and from their homes and the dining site for the period January 01, 2015 to June 30, 2015.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds are required. Appropriations are available in the Professional Services Contracts and Fees account in the 163CSE1415 grant for the January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015 period and the 163CSE1516 grant for the April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 period.

REASONS FOR RECOMENDATION

The program will address need in the community to provide transportation to the Stay Fit Congregate Dining site using an additional source of vehicles previously unused by Erie County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Salvation Army's Main Street Buffalo congregate dining site is located in a neighborhood going through transition. Traditional program participants are finding it increasingly difficult to attend for several reasons including the significant amount of construction in the area which makes transportation to the site difficult. As a result, participation in the lunch program has been declining. As a solution to this problem the Department of Senior Services seeks to facilitate a partnership between Buffalo Car Share (BCS) and the Salvation Army to help mitigate this situation by providing rides to the site from volunteers using BCS vehicles.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services would be unable to offer this service to Erie County's older adults.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will contract with Buffalo Car Share to begin services.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Creation of Pilot Partnership with
Buffalo Car Share (BCS) and the Salvation
Army Congregate Dining Site

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army's Main Street Buffalo Stay Fit congregate dining site is located in a neighborhood currently going through transition and due to construction in the area seniors are having difficulty accessing the site; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services seeks to facilitate a partnership with Buffalo Car Share and the Salvation Army to help mitigate this situation by providing rides to the site from volunteers using BCS vehicles;

WHEREAS, Buffalo Car Share (BCS) is a car sharing service which was created to save members the cost associated with owning a vehicle but still allow them access to a vehicle for a low hourly rate; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services and the Salvation Army will identify seniors needing rides and BCS will arrange ride dates and times; and

WHEREAS, the total pilot cost for this program will not exceed \$9,561 which will include costs for use of the BCS membership and vehicles, as well as their coordination of scheduling and dispatching all rides; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required as Appropriations are available in the Professional Services Contracts and Fees account in the 163CSE1415 grant for the January 01, 2015 to March 31, 2015 period and the 163CSE1516 grant for the April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract not to exceed \$9,561 with Buffalo Car Share to provide transportation for seniors to and from the Salvation Army's Stay Fit congregate dining, located at 960 Main Street, Buffalo, NY, for the period January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 and be it further

RESOLVED, that existing appropriations in the Professional Services Contracts and Fees account in the 163CSE1415 grant for the January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015 period and the 163CSE1516 grant for the April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 period, be utilized to fund the contract, 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, the County Attorney's Office and the Department of Senior Services.