



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 11, 2014

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

Re: YOUTH BUREAU FUNDING

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Social Services is seeking approval of a resolution authorizing Erie County to accept funding from New York State and enter into a contract with local municipalities for local youth bureau funding. This funding, which is entirely provided by New York State, supports programs which provide a vast array of recreational and development opportunities for Erie County youth.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Carol Dankert-Maurer at the Department of Social Services. Thank you for your immediate consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

cc: Carol Dankert-Maurer, Commissioner, Department of Social Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Social Services
Re: Youth Bureau Funding
Date: March 11, 2014

SUMMARY

This proposed resolution authorizes the Department of Social Services to accept funding from New York State for youth programming and execute contracts with municipalities for local youth bureau funding.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no additional local share necessary for these awards. Erie County will be able to retain \$100,000 of the funding to cover the new responsibility of managing and administering the youth development program.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Local youth bureau funding, provided by New York State, supports programs which provide a vast array of recreational and development opportunities for Erie County youth. Allowing Erie County to enter into these agreements will allow these programs to continue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In prior years, local youth bureau funding was determined by census and was distributed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The enacted 2013-2014 NYS budget included changes in how Youth Bureau funds were to be distributed and, as a result, Erie County Youth Bureau oversees funds previously managed by NYS. These funds go towards municipalities in Erie County with local youth bureaus. The Erie County Youth Bureau informed all local youth bureaus they would need to apply to Erie County for funding and, as per NYS law, only direct service programs could be funded. Erie County Youth Bureau is recommending funds be distributed using the same method as OCFS in order to ensure no disruption in service for 2014.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

These important services could not be continued and enhanced.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will execute contracts with the providers.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

RE: Youth Bureau Funding

WHEREAS, local youth bureau funding, provided by New York State, supports programs which provide a vast array of recreational and development opportunities for Erie County youth; and

WHEREAS, in prior years, local youth bureau funding was determined by census and was distributed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the enacted 2013-2014 NYS budget included changes in how Youth Bureau funds were to be distributed and, as a result, Erie County Youth Bureau oversees funds previously managed by municipalities in Erie County with local youth bureaus; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Youth Bureau informed all local youth bureaus they would need to apply to Erie County for funding and, as per NYS law, only direct service programs could be funded; and

WHEREAS, for 2014, Erie County Youth Bureau is recommending funds be distributed using the same method as OCFS in order to ensure no disruption in service for 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is seeking approval to execute contracts with local youth bureaus for local youth bureau programs; and

WHEREAS, there is no additional local share necessary for these awards and Erie County will be able to retain up to \$100,000 to reimburse the county cost of program management and administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized in enter into contract in the amount of \$362,068 with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to distribute funds in the amount of \$262,068 for municipal youth bureau programs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2014 Adopted Budget:

Youth Bureau, Fund 110, Department 12530

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE
Expense		
517172	Youth Development Municipal Youth Bureaus	<u>\$262,068</u>
	Total Expenditures	<u>\$262,068</u>
Revenue		
408015	Youth Reimbursement Municipal Youth Programs	<u>\$262,068</u>
	Total Revenues	<u>\$262,068</u>

RESOLVED, the County Administrative Code requirement in Section 19.08 for a Request for Proposals (RFP) is hereby waived, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the following municipal providers:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Town of Alden	\$1,920
Town of Amherst	\$50,547
Town of Aurora	\$2,914
Town of Boston	\$1,682
Town of Cheektowaga	\$35,891
Town of Clarence	\$18,961
Town of Colden	\$669
Town of Elma	\$2,236
Town of Evans	\$3,346
Town of Grand Island	\$2,361
Town of Hamburg	\$31,547
Town of Lancaster	\$20,814
Town of Marilla	\$1,137
Town of Newstead	\$1,147
Town of Orchard Park	\$9,356
Town of Tonawanda	\$32,230
Town of Wales	\$614
Town of West Seneca	\$20,890
City of Buffalo	\$23,806
Total	\$262,068

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.