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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 5, 2015

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

Re: Establish MIPPA/ADRC 2014-2015 grant

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department of Senior Services requesting authorization to accept \$33,376 of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) grant funding, from the New York State Office for the Aging, for the period September 30, 2014 through September 29, 2015.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

cc: Randall Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Establish MIPPA/ADRC 2014-2015 grant
Date: June 5, 2015

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to accept \$33,376 of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) grant funding, from the New York State Office of the Aging (NYSOFA), for the period September 30, 2014 through September 29, 2015.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional county funds required. The grant is 100% federally funded.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds will extend and enhance the Department's outreach efforts to beneficiaries on Medicare Part D, particularly those on limited incomes or living in rural areas of the county, as well as informing all Medicare beneficiaries about Medicare prevention and wellness benefits.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Senior Services' NY Connects and HIICAP programs, currently assists seniors and their families to identify and gain access to the full range of services available to help them meet their needs for care and to provide health insurance information and counseling in assessing their health coverage needs and selecting the most appropriate insurance option.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services would be unable to strengthen and improve the outreach of its existing health insurance assistance and NY Connects programs serving Erie County's seniors.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will establish the budget for the MIPPA/ADRC grant and amend the Schiller Park Community Services, Inc. cluster agency contract.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Establish MIPPA/ADRC 2014-2015 grant

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has recently awarded the Department of Senior Services \$33,376 of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Provider Act (MIPPA) grant funds for the period September 30, 2014 through September 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the funds are to be utilized for the purpose of enhancing the Department's outreach efforts to beneficiaries on Medicare Part D, particularly those on limited incomes or living in rural areas of the county, as well as informing all Medicare beneficiaries about Medicare prevention and wellness benefits; and

WHEREAS, the grant is 100% federally funded and does not require a local share; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to amend the existing cluster agency contract with Schiller Park Community Services, Inc. to provide the agency with up to an additional \$30,000 to perform targeted MIPPA outreach services towards seniors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with NYSOFA to accept the MIPPA funding for the period September 30, 2014 to September 29, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to amend the Department of Senior Services, Schiller Park Community Services, Inc. cluster agency contract and provide the agency with up to \$30,000 of additional funding to perform targeted MIPPA outreach services towards seniors; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with NYSOFA and Schiller Park Community Services, Inc. to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163MIPPA/ADRC1415 grant, be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$33,376</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$33,376</u>

APPROPRIATIONS		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
517785	Schiller Park Community	\$30,000
516020	Professional Services & Fees	<u>\$3,376</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$33,376</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that, the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the budget as required to comply with the NYSOFA approved funding levels; and be it further.

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office and the Department of Senior Services.