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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 1, 2015

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

RE: Acceptance of Grant Award – “Barbells for Boobs”

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award in the amount of \$20,000 from “Barbells for Boobs.” The purpose of this grant is to provide breast screening and diagnostic testing to uninsured and underinsured residents of Erie County. There is no County share associated with this important health program. Authorization is requested to receive these grant funds.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact Commissioner of Health Gale Burstein. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP:lmg

cc: Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Health
Re: Acceptance of Grant Award – “Barbells for Boobs”
Date: June 1, 2015

SUMMARY

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive. This grant will provide an additional \$20,000 for the Cancer Services program with no local share requirement.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Erie County operates a robust cancer screening program that provides free cancer screenings to Erie County’s uninsured and underinsured residents. This reduces the risk of deadly cancers going undetected until it’s too late. These additional funds will specifically help to expand the program to screen for Breast Cancer.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

“Barbells for Boobs” has provided funds for breast cancer screenings through a fundraising collaboration with Cross Fit Gyms nationally. The funding will allow expansion of services to additional county residents who are eligible.

These funds will be used to pay some of the 100+ healthcare providers in Erie County who provide cancer screening services (mammography) as part of the Cancer Services program.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

We will be unable to accept the grant award and expanded cancer screening services will not be provided to uninsured and underinsured residents of Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Erie County Department of Health will work with the Division of Budget and Management and the Office of the Erie County Comptroller to accept the additional funding.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common invasive cancer in women; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force recommends mammography every two years in women between the ages of 50 and 74; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award from “Barbells for Boobs” in the amount of \$20,000 to provide breast cancer screening and diagnostic services to uninsured and underinsured residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, legislative authorization is needed to accept the grant funds, and effectuate the budgetary entries necessary to provide the screening services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to accept a grant award from the “Barbells for Boobs” in the amount of \$20,000 to be budgeted as follows:

**“Barbells for Boobs”
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8/1/15 -7/31/16**

SAP	REVENUE	BUDGET
479100	Other Contributions	<u>\$20,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>
	EXPENSES	
516020	Pro Services Contracts & Fees	<u>\$20,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>

and be it further

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