



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 24, 2015

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

**RE: Authorization to Accept Grant Funding and to Enter into Contract with
The Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR)**

Honorable Members:

The New York State Department of Health developed the Prevention Agenda as a call to action to local health departments, health care providers, health plans, schools, employers and businesses to collaborate at the community level to improve the health status of New Yorkers through increased emphasis on prevention.

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$82,800 from The Foundation for AIDS Research and to enter into a contract for support for activities from 7/1/15 – 6/30/16. The Erie County Department of Health will subcontract with Buffalo State College and SUNY University at Buffalo to complete specific activities.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Health Department. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mc
Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Health Department
Re: Authorization to Accept Grant Funding and to Enter into Contract with
The Foundation for AIDS Research
Date: September 24, 2015

SUMMARY

The Erie County Department of Health (“Health”) has been awarded a grant from The Foundation for AIDS Research (“amfAR”) in the amount of \$82,800. The grant award will fund the Expanded Syringe Access Program (“ESAP”) activities related to syringe access and disposal, expired medication disposal, opiate prevention, and HIV prevention activities in Erie County for the period 7/1/15 – 6/30/16.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive. Fully funded by amfAR.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To enable Health to work on increasing access to appropriate syringe and medication disposal sites and support education to decrease the abuse of opiates which, in turn, will reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Western New York.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Erie County has experienced a substantial increase in opioid addiction and related deaths. There has been a 187% increase in opiate deaths in the last three years. In order to address one component of this crisis, and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and other blood borne pathogens, Health will work with community partners to provide safe access to syringes and safe ways to dispose of used syringes and expired medications in geographic areas convenient to residents

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Erie County will be unable to implement proposed activities to increase access to syringe and medication disposal sites in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Health will take appropriate steps necessary to continue the project.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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Foundation for AIDS Research

WHEREAS, Erie County has experienced a substantial increase in opioid addiction and related deaths along with the expected associated diseases from needle sharing. In order to address one component of this crisis, and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and other blood borne pathogens, the Erie County Department of Health (“Health”) will work with community partners to provide safe access to syringes and safe ways to dispose of used syringes and expired medications in geographic areas convenient to residents;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to authorize entering into contract with The Foundation for AIDS Research (“amfAR”), Buffalo State College, and SUNY University at Buffalo, for the purpose of implementing the Expanded Syringe Access Program which will increase access to syringe and medication disposal and, as such, help address the opioid crisis in Erie County that can lead to increased rates of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health is lead agency for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to accept the grant award from and enter into a contract with The Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) to be budgeted as follows:

**ESAP
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7/1/15 - 6/30/16**

SAP	REVENUE	BUDGET
479100	Other Contributions	<u>\$82,800</u>
		TOTAL <u>\$82,800</u>
	EXPENSES	
505000	Office Supplies	<u>\$3,000</u>
505800	Medical & Health Supplies	<u>\$1,000</u>
510100	Local Mileage Reimbursement	<u>\$1,000</u>
516010	Contract Pymts Nonprofit Purch Svcs	<u>\$33,800</u>
516020	Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	<u>\$5,000</u>
530000	Other	<u>\$39,000</u>
		TOTAL <u>\$82,800</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Buffalo State College and SUNY University at Buffalo to implement the objectives of the grant; and be it further

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