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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 27, 2015

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

Re: Establish BIP Caregiver Support Program Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Senior Services to accept \$167,278 in Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Caregiver Support Program monies from the NY State Office for the Aging. Funding will be used to provide counseling, support, case management, and training to caregivers of frail older adults and individuals with disabilities who are on Medicaid.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Randy Hoak in 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 Poloncarz", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mc
Enclosure

cc: Randy Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Establish BIP Caregiver Support Program Grant
Date: April 27, 2015

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to accept \$167,278 in Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Caregiver Support Program grant monies from the NY State Office for the Aging, for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. The funding will be used to provide counseling, support, case management, and training to caregivers of frail older adults and individuals with disabilities who are on Medicaid.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds are required. The grant is 100% funded by the NY State Office for the Aging.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Balancing Incentive Program is working to rebalance long term care spending in New York State. The goal is to spend less money on institutional care and more money on home and community based services, which are substantially less expensive on a per capita basis. In order for frail elders to live safely in the community, home and community based services must be supplemented with the help of reliable informal caregivers, including family members, friends, and neighbors. Oftentimes, these caregivers need support in their caregiving role in order to sustain their efforts. These funds will allow the Department of Senior Services to offer more caregiver counseling and case management services, and to increase the availability of training and support groups, which have been shown to help caregivers sustain their efforts and indirectly help frail elders avoid nursing home placement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Medicaid waiver provides the State of New York with \$598 million to increase the number of Medicaid recipients served in non-institutional settings; improve access to long term care services and supports; and promote sustainable strategies for addressing barriers to community living. Funding is being used to support a variety of efforts including increasing support for informal caregivers who are caring for frail older adults and individuals with disabilities who are on Medicaid. The New York State Office for the Aging and local Caregiver Resource Centers (CRC) have been providing supportive services to caregivers for several years, which have proven to be successful in helping to sustain the efforts of informal caregivers. NY State is directing a portion of BIP waiver dollars to the NY State Office

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for the Aging and local CRCs to expand the availability of those services, including case management, counseling, support groups, and training.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services will not be able to accept these funds for the benefit of residents in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will establish the budget for the BIP Caregiver Support Program grant. The Department will also amend applicable subcontract agencies contracts to utilize this additional funding to purchase necessary services for eligible clients of this project.

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Establish BIP Caregiver Support
Program Grant

WHEREAS, the NY State Office for the Aging has awarded Senior Services \$167,278 in Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Caregiver Support Program grant (163BIPCSP1516) monies for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS the grant is 100% funded by the New York State Office for the Aging and requires no local share County monies; and

WHEREAS, the funding will be used provide counseling, support, case management, and training to caregivers of frail older adults and individuals with disabilities, who are on Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, to provide the required BIP Caregiver Support Program case management services, Senior Services desires to transfer, effective June 1, 2015, Case Manager position 872 from the 163EISEP1516 grant to the 163BIPCSP1516 grant; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services currently contracts with a variety of subcontract agencies for the provision of various services and supports for eligible clients, including caregiver counseling, support groups, training, and desires to amend such contracts to utilize BIP Caregiver Support Program grant monies to purchase such services and supports for individuals eligible for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the NY State Office for the Aging to accept the \$167,278 of BIP Caregiver Support Program (163BIPCSP1516) grant monies for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, effective June 1, 2015 Case Manager position 872 be transferred from the 163EISEP1516 grant to the 163BIPCSP1516 grant (B100 #8301); and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the budget for the BIP Caregiver Support Program Grant (163BIPCSP1516) for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 be established as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$ 35,500
500350	Other Employee Payments	\$ 841
502000	Fringe Benefits	\$ 20,490
505000	Office Supplies	\$ 400
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 2,000
510200	Training & Education	\$ 500
516020	Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	\$ 69,410
516025	Geriatric Counseling	\$ 27,000
530000	Other Expenses	\$ 3,000
916390	ID Senior Services Grants	\$ 8,137
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$167,278</u>

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
414000	Federal Aid	\$167,278
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$167,278</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 163EISEP1516 grant budget be amended as follows

		INITIAL BUDGET	CHANGE	AMENDED BUDGET
500000	Full Time Salaries	\$429,004	-\$35,500	\$393,504
502000	Fringe Benefits	305,046	-20,490	284,556
516020	Professional Svcs Contacts & Fees	-0-	+64,127	64,127
916390	ID Senior Services Grants	-0-	<u>-8,137</u>	-8,137
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to grantor awards; and be it further

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RESOLVED and, if necessary, the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute amendments to Senior Services agencies contracts to effectuate adjusted funding levels; 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, and the Department Senior Services.