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## COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 17, 2016

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

**Re: Funds for the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium  
for Summer Youth Programs**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution authorizing the appropriation and provision of County funds to the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium for the provision of services for summer youth programs.

If your Honorable Body requires further information or has any questions, please contact the Division of Budget and Management. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Division of Budget and Management  
Re: Funds for the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium for Summer Youth Programs  
Date: June 17, 2016

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### **SUMMARY**

Authorization is requested to appropriate \$6,490 to the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium for Summer Youth Programs.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

\$6,490 of County funds would be appropriated, using a positive variance in the County's 2016 Budget revenue account for PILOT payments as the source of funds.

### **BACKGROUND/ REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The County of Erie and the City of Buffalo jointly administer the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium (WDC) which is overseen by the Workforce Investment Board (WIB). The WIB is a private sector-driven board appointed by the Erie County Executive and City of Buffalo Mayor. The WIB is charged with developing, coordinating and overseeing publicly funded workforce development/training initiatives. Among those initiatives are summer youth programs.

The requested funding is necessary to cover a budgetary gap in the WDC to pay for administrative costs for County and City summer youth programs associated with the Workforce Corporation of Buffalo and Erie County. The requested funds will provide the ability to obtain new insurance policies for liability and workman's compensation and other administrative expenses of the Workforce Corporation. For its part, the City of Buffalo has allocated \$13,482.

WDC youth program funds have covered the maintenance of the Workforce Corporation from September to May in previous years. This is the period where Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) and City funds could not be used by the WDC on behalf of Workforce Corporation. WDC can no longer expend youth program fund administered under the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 went into effect, which replaced the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Workforce Corporation will not have new insurance policies for liability and worker's compensation and may not be able to administer summer youth programs due to the liability exposure issues.

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## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The County will allocate the funds to the WDC which will provide the funds to the Workforce Corporation, match them with City funds, and secure new insurance policies.

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## RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DIVISION OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

**Re: Funds for the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium for Summer Youth Programs**

WHEREAS, the County of Erie and the City of Buffalo jointly administer the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium (WDC) which is overseen by the Workforce Investment Board (WIB); and

WHEREAS, the WIB is a private sector-driven board appointed by the Erie County Executive and City of Buffalo Mayor charged with developing, coordinating and overseeing publicly funded workforce development/training initiatives, including summer youth programs; and

WHEREAS, the WIB is administering \$1.273 million on behalf of the Department of Social Services to administer the Summer Youth Employment Program to allow youth from low-income households to gain employment during the summer; and

WHEREAS, funding from the County in the amount of \$6,490 is requested to cover a budgetary gap in the WDC to pay for administrative costs for County and City summer youth programs associated with the Workforce Corporation of Buffalo and Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$6,490 to the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium to provide funds for administrative expenses in 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Director of Budget and Management to utilize \$6,490 in 2016 unanticipated revenue in Fund Center 14010, Account 400040, Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes as a funding source in 2016 in the amount of \$6,490 to the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management, and Office of the Comptroller are hereby authorized to make any necessary budgetary and financial adjustments to the 2016 Budget for this purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, the Department of Social Services, and Andrew Federick, Senior Economic Development Specialist in the Office of the County Executive.