



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 15, 2016

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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Re: Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes in the amount of \$3,400,000.

The attached resolution authorizes the County Executive to enter into an agreement with HUD to accept this grant, to authorize entering into contracts with Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo as contractors for lead reduction work, and to authorize the creation of one Supervising Public Health Sanitarian position in the Department of Health as per HUD requirements.

The Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration ("LHRD") Program will provide efficient, cost-effective lead hazard reduction activities in privately owned homes in the cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna occupied and frequented by children under the age of six. This will be accomplished through home paint inspections and lead risk assessments by Erie County staff, and provision of services for lead hazard reduction activities, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work utilizing these grant funds and matching contributions by the County and community partners.

Should your Honorable Body have any questions, please contact Commissioner of Health Gale Burstein. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Health Department
Re: Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant
Date: June 15, 2016

SUMMARY

To authorize the County Executive to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to accept this Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (“LHRD”) grant; to enter into contracts with Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; and to create one Supervising Public Health Sanitarian position.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

All funding for this resolution will be provided by HUD.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The application for, and acceptance of this grant funding will allow the Department of Health to provide efficient, cost-effective lead hazard reduction activities in privately owned homes in the cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna occupied and frequented by children under the age of six.

HUD’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes awards LHRD grants to urban municipalities that show the greatest need for lead poisoning prevention and hazard control and reduction activities. HUD requires active community partnerships and matching funds/commitments from applicants, as well as a dedicated Program Manager to coordinate the program activities.

The Erie County Department of Health, Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc., the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning, Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc., West Side Neighborhood Housing Services, Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Jericho Road Community Health Center and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs have joined together in partnership for the purposes of providing services under this grant.

The purpose of the Erie County LHRD Program is to provide efficient, cost-effective lead hazard reduction activities in privately owned homes in the cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna occupied and frequented by children under the age of six. This will be accomplished through home paint inspections and lead risk assessments by Erie County staff, and provision of services for lead hazard reduction activities, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work utilizing these grant funds and matching contributions by the County and community partners.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department will not be able accept the \$3.4 million HUD grant and as a result will be unable to implement this program and children will not be protected from lead hazards.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Health Department will follow the appropriate steps necessary to implement the provisions of the contract, including executing a contract with HUD and agreements with the partner agencies. The Department of Personnel will take the necessary steps to create the new position.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Re: Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”), Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes in the amount of \$3,400,000; and

WHEREAS, this grant award includes \$3,000,000 for implementing the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (“LHRD”) Program and \$400,000 in supplemental Healthy Housing funds; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires partnerships and mandatory matching contributions as part of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health, Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc., the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning, Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc., West Side Neighborhood Housing Services, Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Jericho Road Community Health Center and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs have joined together in partnership for the purposes of providing services under this grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Erie County LHRD Program is to provide efficient, cost-effective lead hazard reduction activities in privately owned homes in the cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna occupied and frequented by children under the age of six; and

WHEREAS, this will be accomplished through home paint inspections and lead risk assessments by Erie County staff, and provision of services for lead hazard reduction activities, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work utilizing these grant funds and matching contributions by the County and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. for the period 7/1/16 – 12/31/19 for the purposes of preparing work and bid specifications in homes to receive lead hazard reduction work and healthy housing interventions, awarding competitive bids for hazard reduction and healthy housing work, including labor and supply costs, to qualified contractors, and monitoring work progress and quality of contractors who are successful in receiving bids, and coordinating and account for the matching contributions to the proposed work at participating homes; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to provide expertise in facilitating community awareness and involvement and matching funds for the provision of services for hazard reduction work, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires a program manager dedicated to the management of the LHRD grant; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to make a personnel adjustment that creates a position of Supervising Public Health Sanitarian (JG 11) to perform the necessary grant management activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accept the grant and to establish and budget a grant as follows:

**LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION
127LHRD1619
7/1/16 – 12/31/19**

<u>SAP</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>ACCOUNT</u>		
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$3,400,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$3,400,000</u>
 <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		
500000	Full Time – Salaries	\$ 182,435
501000	Overtime	10,000
502000	Fringe Benefits	103,915
505000	Office Supplies	5,400
505200	Clothing Supplies	350
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	11,340
510100	Out-of-Area Travel	15,320
510200	Training & Education	1,800
517527	Belmont Hous Res WNY	2,635,260
516020	Professional Svs Contracts & Fees	15,919
516030	Maintenance Contracts	7,000
530000	Other Expenses	407,050
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	1,000
561420	Office Equipment	500
980000	ID DISS Services	<u>2,711</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$3,400,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of one (1) position of Supervising Public Health Sanitarian as indicated on B100 # 8708 (JG 11 Step 1, annual salary \$47,499) in the CSEA bargaining unit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that where existing personnel are funded out of HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grants as additional HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control

and Healthy Homes funding becomes available, those existing positions can carry over to future HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to enter into a subcontract with Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. for the period 7/1/16 – 12/31/19 for the purposes of preparing work and bid specifications in homes to receive lead hazard reduction work and healthy housing interventions, awarding competitive bids for hazard reduction and healthy housing work, including labor and supply costs, to qualified contractors, and monitoring work progress and quality of contractors who are successful in receiving bids and coordinating and account for the matching contributions to the proposed work at participating homes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to enter into a subcontract with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to provide expertise in facilitating community awareness and involvement and matching funds for the provision of services for hazard reduction work, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County LHRD Program, through its partnership with Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. is authorized to receive matching contributions from Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo for hazard reduction work, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work provided directly to participating property owners in the cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County LHRD Program, through its partnership with Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc., West Side Neighborhood Housing Services, and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs will make available healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work directly to participating property owners in the city of Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County LHRD Program, through its partnership with the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs will make available healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work directly to participating property owners in the city of Lackawanna; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the subcontracts with Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo are special services which must be provided immediately and continuously and therefore the RFP procedure required under Section 19.08 of the Erie County administrative Code is hereby waived; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to make any required budgetary adjustments to implement the budgetary actions and appropriations authorized in this resolution; 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, the Department of Personnel, and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner of Health.