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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 11, 2016

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

Re: Accept Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Grant Funding

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Senior Services to accept \$457,194 in Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities federal grant funds from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the three year period October 30, 2015 to October 29, 2018. This grant will be used to help fund the Department's Going Places transportation program which provides rides for older adults who are unable to drive.

The NYSDOT award also includes an additional \$78,699 of federal funding to cover 80% of the cost of two new mini-buses, which NYSDOT will purchase for the Department of Senior Services off of a NY State purchasing contract. The mini-buses will be replacement vehicles for aging vehicles in the existing fleet.

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,

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: Accept Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Grant Funding
Date: July 11, 2016

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to accept Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities federal grant funds, from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). The Department of Senior Services was awarded the monies through a competitive process and will use the funds for the operation of the Going Places Transportation Program. The NYSDOT monies were awarded in three separate categories:

- 1) Vehicle Purchases: \$78,699 will cover 80% of the cost of two mini-buses NYSDOT will purchase for our Going Places fleet.
- 2) Mobility Management: \$167,874 to reimburse 26% of the Department's transportation dispatch unit's payroll costs.
- 3) Operating Assistance: \$289,320 to reimburse, up to 50% of costs of Going Places' wheelchair and other rides, including a new Department of Senior Services pilot initiative to provide rides for seniors with serious mental illness and who are enrolled in Project Hope, a program operated by Catholic Charities of Buffalo, NY in collaboration with the Erie County Department of Mental Health.

The mobility management and operating assistance award is for the three year period October 30, 2015 to October 29, 2018. The vehicle purchase funds are for the period October 30, 2015 through December 31, 2021, which covers the expected useful life of the vehicles.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds are required. The Department's 2016 capital project appropriations are available to fund the 20% local share for the purchase of the two mini-buses. Departmental grant fund appropriations are also available in the Areawide Agency on Aging (Title III-B), Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) and New York State AAA Transportation Program (AAATRAN) grants to cover the required local match for drawing down the mobility management and operating assistance funds.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Going Places transportation program provides older adults, who have no other means of transportation, with rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and senior centers for congregate meals. The Department of Senior Services performs the central

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dispatch function for the program, which is a partnership with Erie County municipalities and subcontracted transportation service providers.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Prior to September 29, 2015, the Department of Senior Services received federal transportation monies, for the operation of the Going Places Transportation Program, through New Freedom grant funding received from the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA). For the most recent New Freedom grant year, September 30, 2014 to September 29, 2015, federal funding totaled \$98,994, of which \$82,446 was for operating assistance and \$16,548 for mobility management.

The Department of Senior Services upon learning, in June 2015, that NYSDOT would be distributing federal transportation monies, in place of the NFTA, applied through a competitive process for this grant.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

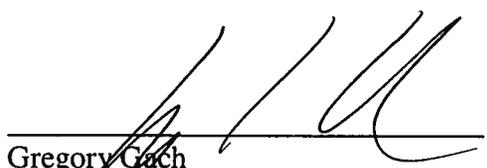
The Department of Senior Services will not be able to accept these transportation monies for the benefit of seniors in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will establish the grant budget for the 5310 Enhanced Mobility grant, purchase through NYSDOT the two mini-buses and execute the contract with Catholic Charities of Buffalo, NY.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.



Gregory Gach
Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Accept 5310 Enhanced Mobility Grant Funding

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services, applied in June 2015, to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities federal grant funding for the operation of the Department's Going Places Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Going Places program provides older adults, who have no other means of transportation, with rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and senior centers for congregate meals, with the Department of Senior Services performing the central dispatch function for the program in partnership with Erie County municipalities and subcontracted transportation service providers; and

WHEREAS, NYSDOT has recently awarded the Department Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility Grant funding under three categories:

- 1) Vehicle Purchases - \$78,699 to cover 80% of the purchase price of two replacement mini buses.
- 2) Mobility Management - \$167,874 to reimburse 26% of the Department's transportation dispatch unit's payroll costs.
- 3) Operating Assistance - \$289,320 to reimburse, up to 50% of the costs of Going Places' wheelchair and other rides, including a new pilot initiative to provide rides for seniors with serious mental illness and who are enrolled in Project Hope, a Catholic Charities of Buffalo, NY program operated in collaboration with the Erie County Department of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, the mobility management and operating assistance grant is for the three year period October 30, 2015 to October 29, 2018, while the vehicle funds are for the period October 30, 2015 through December 31, 2021, which covers their expected useful life; and

WHEREAS NYSDOT will retain the \$78,699 awarded for the vehicles and use the monies to purchase the two mini-buses for the Department of Senior Services through a NY State Office of General Services purchasing contract; and

WHEREAS NYSDOT requires the Department of Senior Services to enter into a Local Funding and Depository Agreement to open an interest bearing account at U.S. Bank National Association and deposit \$22,626 into the account which represents the required 20% local share of the two mini-buses plus a 15% contingency amount to cover possible price increases; and

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WHEREAS NYSDOT will withdraw the monies from the bank account to cover the actual 20% local share cost, with unused monies remaining in the account to be returned to the Department of Senior Services once the buses are delivered; and

WHEREAS the Department of Senior Services proposes to use 2016 capital funds from the approved 2016 Purchase of Replacement Vans, capital project #A.16033 to fund the 20% local share of the two mini-buses; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required to secure this new grant funding as the Department has identified transportation appropriations in the Areawide Agency on Aging (Title III-B), and New York State AAA Transportation Program (AAATRAN), and Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) grants that will provide the required local match for the mobility management and operating assistance funding; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to contract with Catholic Charities of Buffalo, NY for the period August 1, 2016 through October 29, 2018, at a cost not to exceed \$80,640, so as to provide funding to pay for rides for seniors enrolled in Project Hope, a Catholic Charities program operated in collaboration with the Erie County Department of Mental Health, which assists seniors with serious mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the new 5310 Enhanced Mobility grant will fund 50% of the Catholic Charities contract over the August 1, 2016 through October 29, 2018 period, with the Department's III-B2016 grant funding the other half of the 2016 portion, and future Departmental grants funding the remaining 2017 and 2018 portions; and

WHEREAS, the 163III-B2016 grant budget needs to be amended since the new 5310 Enhanced Mobility grant will now cover a portion of the Department's 2016 dispatcher payroll costs, thereby freeing up appropriations in the 163III-B2016 grant which are currently budgeted for those same costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the NYSDOT to accept the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities grant funding for the mobility management and operating assistance for the three year period October 30, 2015 to October 29, 2018, and for the Capital Vehicle Purchase for the October 30, 2015 to December 31, 2021 period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that to acquire the two mini-buses the County is authorized to enter into the NYSDOT Local Funding and Depository Agreement, open the required account at U.S. Bank National Association and issue a check for the required local share of \$22,626 payable to the U.S. Bank National Association for deposit into the bank account; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the Department is authorized to pay the required 20% local match for the two mini buses from the approved 2016 Replacement Vans, capital project #A.16033, and that the capital project budget be amended to reflect the federal monies that NYSDOT will use to pay 80% of the purchase price of the vehicles as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES				
Account	Description			
414010	Federal Aid Other	0	+\$78,699	\$78,699
APPROPRIATIONS				
Capitalprojects	Capital Project Expense	\$63,500	+\$78,699	\$142,199

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to contract with Catholic Charities of Buffalo, NY, for the period August 1, 2016 through October 29, 2018, at a cost not to exceed \$80,640 to provide monies for rides for seniors enrolled in the Project Hope program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 5310 Enhanced Mobility Grant for the period October 30, 2015 to October 29, 2018 (163EMOBLTY1518) be established as follows:

		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$457,194</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$457,194</u>

		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
516020	Professional Services & Fees	\$249,000
517540	Catholic Charities	\$ 40,320
916390	ID Senior Services Grant Services	<u>\$167,874</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$457,194</u>

and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the III-B2016 grant budget be amended as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGE	AMENDED BUDGET
Account	Description			
517540	Catholic Charities	\$ 45,700	+7,467	\$53,167
916390	ID Senior Services Grants	\$ -18,133	- 7,467	\$-25,600
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 27,567</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>27,567</u>

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

RESOLVED and, if necessary, the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute amendments to the contracts with Catholic Charities of Buffalo, NY 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.

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TO: GREGORY GACH, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

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| 1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME | <u>NYS Department of Transportation</u> |
| 2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT | <u>\$101,325 with cash outlay of \$22,626</u> |
| 3. PROJECT NUMBER | <u>A.16033</u> |
| 4. PROJECT TITLE | <u>2016 REPLACEMENT VANS
COUNTYWIDE</u> |
| 5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT | <u>Funding questions: Anthony Gregorczyk at
ext 8086
Letter pickup: Christine McKenzie at
ext 6046</u> |

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

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| 6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS | <u>\$ 142,199.00</u> |
| 7. PERFORMED BY | <u><i>Greg P. Minibelli</i></u> |
| Date Sent to Comptroller's Office: | <u>July 8, 2016</u> |

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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER REVIEW

DATE: 7/11/2016

PROJECT TITLE: A.16033 2016 PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT VANS CNTYWD

1) IS THE REASON FOR THIS CONTRACT CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT: YES X NO

2) PROJECT AVAILABLE APPROPRIATION

Total Project Revenues	\$ <u> -</u>
Total Project Appropriations	\$ 63,500.00
Proposed Increase	<u>78,699.00</u>
Less: Total Expenditure To Date	\$ <u> -</u>
Total Commitments	\$ <u> -</u>
Available Appropriations As Of Date Of Request	\$ <u>142,199.00</u>
Less: Contract Amount	\$ <u>22,626.00</u>
Net Available Appropriations	\$ <u><u>119,573.00</u></u>

Comments: The bond sale has not yet occurred. This is based on planned borrowing.

Request Approved: 

Request Denied: _____

Date: 7/11/16