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# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 26, 2016

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Budget revision for the Erie County Medical Care Waste Pharmaceutical Disposal Program**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning to authorize a budget revision for the *Erie County Medical Care Waste Pharmaceutical Disposal Program*. These budget revisions have been approved by the granting agency and in accordance with New York State's contractual guidelines.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Deputy Commissioner Bonnie Lawrence at the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw  
Enclosures

Cc: Maria R. Whyte, Deputy County Executive  
Thomas R. Hersey, Jr., Commissioner

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Environment and Planning  
**Re:** Budget Revision for the Erie County Medical Care Waste Pharmaceutical Disposal Program  
**Date:** August 26, 2016

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## **SUMMARY**

The Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) is seeking authorization for a budget revision for the Erie County Medical Care Waste Pharmaceutical Disposal Program. These changes are in accordance with the current project work plan and contractual requirements set forth by the granting agency, the Citizens Campaign Fund for the Environment.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be no impact on County resources.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The requested budget revision is the result of discussion with and approval from the granting agency, the Citizens Campaign Fund for the Environment. The funds will be moved to continue providing services until the next round of funding is secured. The DEP has unused funds in the budget. These funds will not be utilized because the County was able to leverage other resources. The funds will be used for salary and fringe.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Erie County Medical Care Waste Pharmaceutical Disposal Program continues to serve as an advocate for the proper collection and disposal of unwanted medications. The protection of our waterways and the Great Lakes remain an important objective. However, with the growing problem of drug abuse and its toll on human life, DEP has partnered with the US Drug Enforcement Agency, State, and County Health, local law enforcement and health professionals to increase opportunities for the public to surrender unwanted medications for proper disposal.

In 2015, DEP received a one-year grant from the Citizens Campaign Fund for the Environment to provide public outreach and education, increase residential disposal opportunities and to establish a program to facilitate the proper collection and disposal of waste medications from long term health care facilities. From September 2015 to May 2016 DEP has enrolled 27 facilities and assisted with the collection and disposal of over 20,000 pounds of waste medications.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without the requested authorization, the program will end September 2016.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The grant budget will be revised as indicated.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: Budget revision for the Erie County  
Medical Care Waste Pharmaceutical  
Disposal Program

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) has played a crucial role in pollution, the Erie County Medical Care Waste Pharmaceutical Disposal Program continues to serve as an advocate for the proper collection and disposal of unwanted medications; and

WHEREAS, Citizens Campaign Fund for the Environment (CCFE) awarded grant funds to support the Erie County Medical Care Waste Pharmaceutical Disposal Program; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has received an award from CCFE for \$99,222 in grant funding for the Erie County Medical Care Waste Pharmaceutical Disposal Program; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature authorized the County Executive to enter into an agreement with the CCFE to provide other local source revenue to the DEP SAP grant 162ECMCWPDP1516 per Comm.10E-22 (2015), 5/28/15; and

WHEREAS, a budget revision is necessary for efficient and effective use of available grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget revision has been accepted by the funding agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Director of the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with State and local funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management implement the following budget revisions to fund 281:

Department of Environment and Planning  
Erie County Medical Care Waste Pharmaceutical Disposal Program  
Grant 162 ECMCWPDP1516

REVENUE

Account	Current Budget	Revision	Revised Budget
420499 Other Local Source Revenue	(\$99,222)		(\$99,222)
TOTAL REVENUE	(\$99,222)		(\$99,222)

APPROPRIATIONS

Account	Current Budget	Revision	Revised Budget
500000 Full Time Salary	\$48,252	\$12,783	\$61,035
502000 Fringe Benefits	\$28,470	\$ 5,475	\$33,945
505800 Med/Health Supplies	\$15,000	(\$10,758)	\$ 4,242
510000 Local Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 1,500	(\$ 1,500)	\$ 0

Comm. 17E-16<sup>0</sup>

516020 Prof Services Contract & Fees	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	<u>(\$ 6,000)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$99,222	\$ 0	\$99,222

and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the County Attorney; the County Comptroller; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and the Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Environmental Compliance.