



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 19, 2016

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

**Re: MIPPA/ADRC 2016-17 Pride Center contract**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department of Senior Services requesting authorization to utilize \$7,500 of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) grant funding for a contract with the Pride Center of Western NY Inc, for the period after the effective date of this resolution through September 29, 2017.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Timothy Hogues at the Department of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb  
Enclosure

cc: Timothy Hogues, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

## MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Department of Senior Services  
Re: MIPPA/ADRC 2016-17 Pride Center contract  
Date: September 19, 2016

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### **SUMMARY**

Approve the attached resolution to utilize \$7,500 of Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA/ADRC) 2016-17 grant funding, for a contract with the Pride Center of Western NY, Inc. for the period after the effective date of this resolution through September 29, 2017.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No additional County funds required. The grant is 100% federally funded.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

These funds will enhance the Department's outreach efforts to beneficiaries on Medicare Part D for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender older adults, particularly those with limited incomes and living in rural communities by improving education efforts related to Medicare prevention and wellness benefits and benefits to reduce out of pocket health care expenses. With assistance from the Pride Center of Western New York Inc., the Department of Senior Services will identify and implement new strategies for improving public education and outreach. Compensation to Pride Center of Western New York will not exceed \$7,500.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Through its NY Connects program and the Insurance Resource Center, the Department of Senior Services provides older adults with health insurance information and counseling to assess their health coverage needs and helps them to select the most appropriate insurance option. It also helps older adults on limited incomes to apply for benefits that reduce their out of pocket health care costs. MIPPA provides funding to broaden outreach and public education efforts that target high need populations that traditionally have had difficulty accessing such services and benefits.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Department of Senior Services would be unable to strengthen and improve the outreach of its existing health insurance assistance and NY Connects programs serving Erie County's seniors.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department of Senior Services will contract with the Pride Center of Western NY, Inc.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

**RE: MIPPA/ADRC 2016-17  
Pride Center contract**

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services 2016 adopted County budget includes \$31,900 of New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) funding for the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Provider Act (MIPPA) grant for the period September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the funds are to be utilized for the purpose of enhancing the Department's outreach efforts to beneficiaries on Medicare Part D, particularly those high need populations that traditionally have had difficulty accessing such services and benefits, as well as informing, all Medicare beneficiaries about Medicare prevention and wellness benefits; and

WHEREAS, the grant is 100% federally funded and does not require a local share; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to contract, at a cost not to exceed \$7,500, with the Pride Center of Western NY, Inc., for the period after the effective date of this resolution through September 29, 2017, to identify and implement new strategies for improving public education and outreach for the LGBT community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract, at a cost not to exceed \$7,500 with the Pride Center of Western NY, Inc., for the period after the effective date of this resolution through September 29, 2017 to identify and implement new strategies for improving public education and outreach for the LGBT community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract be funded from existing appropriations in the 163MIPPA/ADRC1617 grant's Professional Services Contracts and Fees account (#516020); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to amend the contract to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Comptroller's Office and the Department of Senior Services.