



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 10, 2016

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

Re: Age Friendly Inclusive Planning grant establishment

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department of Senior Services requesting authorization to accept \$9,955 of Age Friendly Inclusive Planning grant funding from the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, for the period November 14, 2016 to March 31, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

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: Age Friendly Inclusive Planning grant establishment
Date: October 10, 2016

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to accept of \$9,955 of Age Friendly Inclusive Planning grant funding from the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York (Health Foundation), for the period November 14, 2016 to March 31, 2017, and contract with the Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access (IDeA Center) through UB Foundation Activities, Inc. for developing and facilitating civic participation activities for the program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional county funds required. The grant is 100% funded by a grant from the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds will allow the Erie County Department of Senior Services to partner with the IDeA Center through UB Foundation Activities, Inc. to develop and pursue new outreach partnerships for the Age Friendly Erie County initiative, develop inclusive planning strategies to engage people ages 60 and older in this initiative, and gather feedback about aging-related concerns from vulnerable populations of older adults.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Age Friendly Erie County (AFEC) is a collaborative initiative facilitated by the Erie County Department of Senior Services and IDeA Center at the University at Buffalo. The purpose of the initiative is to connect residents, public officials, and organizations across different sectors committed to creating a vibrant, inclusive community in Erie County to grow up and grow old. The Department of Senior Services and the IDeA Center are working collaboratively to develop an action plan for the initiative, which involves conducting a baseline needs assessment and identifying indicators for monitoring and assessing community efforts to address these needs.

The Department of Senior Services will utilize grant funding from the Health Foundation to develop and pilot test community engagement strategies, as part of AFEC planning efforts that encourage participation and support of vulnerable and underrepresented groups of older adults in the initiative. Target populations for the grant will include older adult communities that may encounter challenges when participating in senior and community programs, obtaining information and services, and receiving care. Developing community engagement strategies targeting organizations that serve vulnerable and underrepresented populations of older adults, and their stakeholders, will provide the Department of Senior Services with a better understanding of the needs of aging populations not typically included in planning initiatives.

The Department of Senior Services will take a lead role in establishing new outreach partnerships with groups and facilitating community events to provide opportunities for older adults to participate in the initiative and provide feedback about their aging-related concerns. IDeA Center through UB Foundation Activities, Inc., will develop and facilitate civic participation activities for each event to introduce participants to Age Friendly domains and concepts as well as to begin a conversation within the group.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services would be unable to provide this opportunity to older adults in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will establish the budget for the Age Friendly Inclusive Planning grant and contract with the IDeA Center through UB Foundation Activities, Inc., for developing and facilitating civic participation activities for the program.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES**

**RE: Age Friendly Inclusive Planning
grant establishment**

WHEREAS, The Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, (Health Foundation) an independent private foundation that serves 16 counties, develops, implements and evaluates sustainable programs with community partners that make a positive difference in the lives of thousands of older adults in these region; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Senior Services, in conjunction with the Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access (IDeA Center), through UB Foundation Activities, Inc., had submitted a competitive grant application to the Health Foundation for Age Friendly Inclusive Planning grant funding to increase the participation of vulnerable populations of older adults in the Age Friendly Erie County Initiative and develop outreach collaborations with community-based groups and organizations that serve this population; and

WHEREAS, he Health Foundation recently awarded the Department of Senior Services \$9,955 in Age Friendly Inclusive Planning grant funds for the period November 14, 2016 to March 31, 2017; and

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to contract, with the IDeA Center through through UB Foundation Activities, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$3,435, to develop and facilitate for civic participation activities as part of community outreach events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Health Foundation of Western and Central New York to accept the \$9,955 of Senior Age Friendly Inclusive Planning grant funding for the period November 14, 2016 to March 31, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the IDeA Center through UB Foundation Activities, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$3,435, to develop and facilitate for civic participation activities as part of community outreach events; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with the Health Foundation and the IDeA Center through UB Foundation Activities, Inc. to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163AFIP1617 grant, be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
417060	Other Income Senior Services	<u>\$ 9,955</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,955</u>

APPROPRIATIONS		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
516020	Professional Services & Fees	\$ 4,035
530000	Other Expenses	2,750
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	600
916390	ID Senior Services Grant Services	<u>2,570</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 9,955</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the budget as required to comply with the Health Foundation's approved 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.