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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 26, 2016

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

Re: Amend BIP Caregiver Support Program Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Senior Services to amend the existing Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Caregiver Support Program (163BIPCSP1516) grant budget to reflect grantor required program changes and the extension of the grant end date from March 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

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,

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Erie County Executive
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Enclosure

cc: Randy Hoak, Commissioner, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Amend BIP Caregiver Support Program Grant
Date: February 26, 2016

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to amend the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Caregiver Support Program (163BIPCSP1516) grant's budget to reflect grantor required program changes and the extension of the grant end date from March 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The amended budget will transfer a Case Manager position from the 163BIPCSP1516 grant and increase monies available for non-institutional long term services and supports for caregivers and their Medicaid eligible loved ones.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds are required. The BIP grant is 100% Federally funded through the NY State Office for the Aging.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The grant funds will allow the Department of Senior Services to continue operating its Ready, Set, Home program which helps hospitals and rehabilitation facilities make safe discharges of high risk Medicaid beneficiaries, whose caregivers need assistance in caring for the care receiver in the community. The funds will pay for client services, at their homes in the community during the waiting period for Medicaid Managed Long Term Care coverage to take effect. The current funding for the Department's Ready, Set, Home program, through a pilot project from the NY State Department of Health, expires on March 31, 2016.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Balancing Incentive Program is working to rebalance Medicaid long term care spending in New York State by improving access to long term care services, and promoting sustainable strategies for addressing barriers to community living. The goal is to spend less money on institutional care and more money on home and community based services, which are substantially less expensive on a per capita basis.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services will not be able to utilize these funds for the benefit of residents in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will amend the grant budgets and process the personnel change. It will also amend applicable subcontract agencies contracts to utilize this additional funding to purchase necessary services for eligible clients of this program.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Amend the BIP Caregiver Support Program Grant

WHEREAS, Legislative resolution 9E-13 dated May 14, 2105, authorized the Department of Senior Services acceptance of the NY State Office for the Aging's (NYSOFA) award of $167,278 in Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Caregiver Support Program grant (163BIPCSP1516) monies for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of resolution 9E-13 (2015), NYSOFA placed a Statewide hold on releasing BIP Caregiver Support monies pending finalization of program instructions from their Federal funding agency; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the Department of Senior Services, to date, has not incurred any expenditures in this grant; and

WHEREAS, NYSOFA has recently released revised program instructions for the 163BIPCSP1516 grant which alter the ways the $167,278 in 100% Federally funded grant monies can be used to assist caregivers of Medicaid recipients; and

WHEREAS, the NYSOFA revised program instructions also extend the grant end date from March 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services desires to now utilize the grant monies to continue operating it's Ready, Set, Home program to assist hospitals and rehabilitation facilities make safe discharges of high risk Medicaid beneficiaries, whose caregivers need assistance in caring for the care receiver in the community during the waiting period for Medicaid Managed Long Term Care coverage to take effect; and

WHEREAS, the existing 163BIPCSP1516 budget needs to be amended to conform with the revised program instructions including increasing appropriations budgeted for client services; and

WHEREAS, to free up grant appropriations for client services, the Department of Senior Services desires to transfer, effective April 1, 2016, the vacant Case Manager Senior Services position #872 from the 163BIPCSP1516 grant to the 163III-B2016 grant; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services, currently contracts with a variety of approved subcontract agencies for the provision of various services and supports for eligible clients, including home care and home delivered meals, now desires to amend such contracts to utilize BIP Caregiver Support Program grant monies to purchase such services and supports for individuals eligible for this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the NY State Office for the Aging to utilize the $167,278 of BIP Caregiver Support Program (163BIPCSP1516) grant monies for the revised period April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, effective April 1, 2016, Case Manager position #872 be transferred from the 163BIPCSP1516 grant to the 163III-B2016 grant (B100 #8625); and be it further

RESOLVED, that, the Department of Senior Services is authorized to utilize its existing subcontract agencies to provide the necessary client services to individuals eligible for the BIP Caregiver Support Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the BIP Caregiver Support Program grant 163BIPCSP1516, be amended as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS		INITIAL BUDGET	CHANGE	AMENDED BUDGET
Account	Description			
500000	Full Time Salaries	$ 35,500	-$35,500	-0-
500350	Other Employee Payments	841	-841	-0-
502000	Fringe Benefits	20,490	-20,490	-0-
505000	Office Supplies	400	-400	-0-
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	2,000	-2,000	-0-
510200	Training & Education	500	-500	-0-
516020	Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	69,410	-69,410	-0-
516025	Geriatric Counseling	27,000	-27,000	-0-
516027	Meal Preparation	-0-	+16,500	16,500
516026	Home Care Services	-0-	+92,610	92,610
530000	Other Expenses	3,000	+55,168	58,168
916390	ID Senior Services Grants	8,137	-8,137	-0-
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	167,278	-0-	167,278

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163III-B2016 grant be amended as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS

Account	Description	AMENDED BUDGET	CHANGE	AMENDED BUDGET
500000	Full Time Salaries	$ 651,631	+$26,158	$677,789
502000	Fringe Benefits	406,150	+16,218	422,368
516020	Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	85,238	-42,376	42,862
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$1,143,019	-0-	1,143,019

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 Senior Services agencies contracts 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.