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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 9, 2016

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

Re: 2016 Youth Development Programming Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to enter into a contract with the Boys & Girls Club (B&G) of Elma, Marilla and Wales (EMW) to run a ten week summer day camp program using YDP grant funds.

The Department of Social Services Youth Bureau has previously awarded the Towns of EMW \$6,750 under the 2016 YDP grant to run a ten (10) week summer day camp program. The Towns of EMW have transferred management of the summer program to B&G of EMW. The Youth Bureau would like to provide continued support, through YDP funding, for the summer day camp program now run by B&G of EMW.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Ben Hilligas-Director of Youth Bureau. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Youth Services
Re: 2016 Youth Development Programming Grant
Date: May 9, 2016

SUMMARY

The Department of Social Services Youth Bureau has previously awarded the Towns of Elma, Marilla and Wales (EMW) \$6,750 under the 2016 Youth Development Programming (YDP) grant. The Towns of EMW were scheduled to run a ten (10) week summer day camp program with the YDP grant award but has transferred management of the summer program to the Boys and Girls Club (B&G) of EMW.

The B&G of EMW has been a cornerstone of the community since opening its doors in 1974. Serving close to 1,000 youth, B&G of EMW provides a safe, structured and positive environment for young people after school, during holidays and summer break.

The Youth Bureau would like to provide continued support, through YDP funding, for the summer day camp program now run by B&G of EMW.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact on the County Budget. Funds in the amount of \$6,750 approved in the Adopted 2016 Budget of the Youth Bureau for the Towns of Elma, Marilla and Wales shall be transferred to the Boys and Girls Club of EMW. The New York State Office of Children and Family Services provide 100% reimbursement under the YDP grant.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Youth Bureau would like to provide continued support for the ten (10) week summer day camp program in the towns of EMW. The B&G of EMW provides a safe place to learn, ongoing relationships with caring professionals, life-enhancing programs, character development experiences, and hope, opportunity and growth.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Erie County Youth Bureau plans, develops and administers a comprehensive and coordinated countywide system of youth services aimed at delinquency prevention and positive youth development. The Youth Bureau annually grants funding to approximately 62 community based organizations and town, village and local youth bureaus providing positive youth development programs throughout Erie County.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The B&G of EMW would not have sufficient funds to provide a complete ten (10) week summer day camp program, and possibly forgo the opportunity to enable young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Contract with B&G of EMW reflecting needed services and funding will be executed and the contract with Towns of EMW for 2016 YDP grant award will be canceled.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
Youth Services Division**

**RE: 2016 Youth Development Programming
(YDP) Grant**

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau has previously awarded the Towns of Elma, Marilla and Wales (EMW) \$6,750 under the 2016 YDP grant; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of EMW were scheduled to provide a ten (10) week summer day camp program with the YDP grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of EMW has transferred management of the summer program to the Boys and Girls Club (B&G) of EMW; and

WHEREAS, B&G of EMW provides a safe, structured and positive environment for young people after school, during holidays and summer break; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau would like to provide continued support, through YDP funding, for the summer day camp program in the towns of Elma, Marilla and Wales.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2016 contract with the Towns of Elma, Marilla and Wales in the amount of \$6,750 be canceled and said funding will be available to contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Elma, Marilla and Wales, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract in the amount of \$6,750 with B&G of EMW to run a ten (10) week summer day camp program, funding being available in account 517876, youth development programs, of the Youth Bureau; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Social Services, and the Division of Youth Services.