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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 3, 2018

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

RE: Establish Access to Home for Medicaid 2018-2020 grant

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department of Senior Services requesting authorization to accept \$150,000 of Access to Home for Medicaid grant funding from the New York State Homes and Community Renewal Office, for the two year period July 2018 to July 30, 2020.

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". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

cc: Timothy Hogues, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Establish Access to Home for Medicaid 2018-2020 grant
Date: December 3, 2018

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to accept \$150,000 of Access to Home for Medicaid grant funding from the New York State Homes and Community Renewal Office, for the two year period, expected to be from July 2018 through July 30, 2020 with the actual start date to begin on the date the contract is fully executed by the grantor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds will allow the Department of Senior Services to partner with one of our subcontracting agencies, People Incorporated (People Inc.), to provide home modifications for clients of the Department's Ready, Set, Home (RSH) program which assists eligible individuals at high risk, for permanent placement in long term care to allow safe discharge to the community.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In coordination with the NYS Department of Health (DOH) and the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), New York State Homes and Community Renewal offers the NYS Access to Home for Medicaid grant program. The program provides competitive grants for community-based efforts to make residential units accessible for low and moderate income persons participating in the Medicaid Program and living with a disability. Providing assistance with the cost of adapting homes to meet the needs of Medicaid recipients with disabilities enables individuals to continue to safely and comfortably live in their residences and avoid institutional care.

The Department of Senior Services will utilize the funds to provide accessibility modifications and rehabilitation repairs for clients through the RSH program. The program works to reduce the number of Medicaid beneficiaries utilizing an inappropriate level of care facilitating timely and safe discharges of high risk patients in sub-acute care after a hospitalization. This is accomplished through the provision of intensive benefits assistance, short-term care planning for a safe discharge, service ordering and coordination, as well as short term funding of in-home services until coverage begins with long term care services. This grant supports provider, home modifications, adaptive equipment and follow up quality assurance calls.

The Department of Senior Services applied for funds in conjunction with People Inc., an existing subcontracted agency, to oversee the construction management and timely completion of all modifications funded through Access to Home for Medicaid for RSH clients. People Inc. has

long-term experience providing home modifications for people with disabilities living in Erie County and considerable expertise overseeing project management of home modification projects, including preparing cost estimates, leading inspections, preparing specs, work-related reports and overseeing construction management.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Senior Services would be unable to provide this support to residents in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Senior Services will establish the budget for the grant and contract with People Inc.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: Establish Access to Home for
Medicaid 2018-2020 grant

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services in conjunction with one of its subcontract agencies, People Incorporated (People Inc.), had previously submitted a competitive application for Access to Home for Medicaid grant funding; and

WHEREAS, New York State Homes and Community Renewal Office has recently awarded the Department \$150,000 of Access to Home for Medicaid grant funds for a two year period, expected to be from July 2018 through July 30, 2020, with the actual start date to begin on the date the contract is fully executed by the grantor; and

WHEREAS, the funds are to be utilized for the purpose of implementing home modifications for the Department's Ready, Set, Home clients thereby allowing such individuals to return to their homes in the community from institutional care facilities; and

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

WHEREAS, the Department desires to contract with People Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 to oversee the construction management and timely completion of home modifications for Ready, Set, Home clients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the New York State Homes and Community Renewal Office to accept the \$150,000 of Access to Home for Medicaid funding for the two year period, expected to be from July 2018 through July 30, 2020, with the actual start date to begin on the date the contract is fully executed by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with People Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$150,000 to oversee the construction management and timely completion of home modifications for Ready, Set, Home clients; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with New York State Homes and Community Renewal and People Inc. to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163ACCESS1820 grant, be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
409000	State Aid	\$150,000

APPROPRIATIONS

INITIAL BUDGET

Account	Description	
517755	People Inc.	\$150,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the budget as required to comply with New York State Homes and Community Renewal approved funding levels; and be it further.

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