



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 2, 2019

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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Department of Health - Lead Hazard Reduction Program Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes in the amount of \$5,600,000.

The purpose of this request is to authorize the County Executive to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accept this grant, to authorize entering into contracts with Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

Should your Honorable Body have any questions, please contact Commissioner of Health, Gale Burstein. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.

Erie County Executive

MCP/bqs
Enclosure

cc: Health Commissioner, Gale R. Burstein, MD

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Health Department
Re: Acceptance of a grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Lead Hazard Control: Lead Hazard Reduction Grant
Date: December 2, 2019

SUMMARY

To authorize the County Executive to: enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accept this Lead Hazard Reduction grant; to enter into contracts with Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive. This grant will provide \$5,600,000 in funding, which will be directly invested into the community by improving housing stock in Buffalo and the City of Lackawanna.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To enable the Department to provide efficient, cost-effective lead hazard reduction activities in privately owned homes throughout Erie County, with recruiting efforts focused in the Cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna, which are occupied and frequented by children under the age of six.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes awards Lead Hazard Reduction grants to urban municipalities that show the greatest need for lead poisoning prevention and hazard control and reduction activities. HUD requires active community partnerships and matching funds/commitments from applicants, as well as a dedicated Program Manager to coordinate the program activities.

The Erie County Department of Health, Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc., the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, Partnership for the Public Good, Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc., the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning, and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs have joined together in partnership for the purposes of providing services under this grant.

The purpose of the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program is to provide efficient, cost-effective lead hazard reduction activities in privately owned homes throughout Erie County, with recruiting efforts focused in the Cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna, which are occupied and frequented by children under the age of six. This will be accomplished through home paint inspections and lead risk assessments by Erie County staff, and provision of services for lead

hazard reduction activities, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work utilizing these grant funds and matching contributions by the County and community partners.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department will not be able to implement this program and children will not be protected from lead hazards.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Health Department will follow the appropriate steps necessary to implement the provisions of the contract.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

RE: Lead Hazard Reduction Grant

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes in the amount of \$5,600,000; and

WHEREAS, this grant award includes \$5,000,000 for implementing the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program and \$600,000 in supplemental Healthy Housing funds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development requires partnerships and mandatory matching contributions as part of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health, Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc., the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, Partnership for the Public Good, Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc., the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning, and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs have joined together in partnership for the purposes of providing services under this grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program is to provide efficient, cost-effective lead hazard reduction activities in privately owned homes throughout Erie County, with recruiting efforts focused in the Cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna, which are occupied and frequented by children under the age of six; and

WHEREAS, this will be accomplished through home paint inspections and lead risk assessments by Erie County staff, and provision of services for lead hazard reduction activities, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work utilizing these grant funds and matching contributions by the County and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. for the period 1/1/20 – 6/30/23 for the purposes of preparing work and bid specifications in homes to receive lead hazard reduction work and healthy housing interventions, awarding competitive bids for hazard reduction and healthy housing work, including labor and supply costs, to qualified contractors, and monitoring work progress and quality of contractors who are successful in receiving bids, and coordinating and account for the matching contributions to the proposed work at participating homes; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to provide expertise in facilitating community awareness and involvement and matching funds for the provision of services for hazard reduction work, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to accept the grant which is budgeted as follows:

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM
127LHR2023
1/1/20 - 6/30/23

SAP	REVENUE	BUDGET
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$5,600,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$5,600,000</u>

SAP	EXPENSES	BUDGET
500000	Full Time - Salaries	\$ 262,901
501000	Overtime	20,000
502000	Fringe Benefits	155,595
505000	Office Supplies	11,400
505200	Clothing Supplies	1,350
505800	Medical & Health Supplies	2,000
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	9,744
510100	Out of Area Travel	25,400
510200	Training and Education	1,500
517527	Belmont Hous Res WNY	4,975,185
516020	Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	79,139
516030	Maintenance Contracts	11,000
530000	Other Expenses	35,186
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	6,000
561420	Office Eqmt, Furniture & Fixtures	1,500
980000	ID DISS Services	<u>\$ 2,100</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$5,600,000</u>

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County legislature hereby authorizes the transfer of one (1) existing Supervising Public Health Sanitarian position (B100 #11652) at the current job group as of January 1, 2020 from the 127LHRD1619 grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that where existing personnel are funded out of HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grants as additional HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes funding becomes available, those existing positions can carry over to future HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a subcontract with Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. for the period 1/1/20 –

6/30/23 for the purposes of preparing work and bid specifications in homes to receive lead hazard reduction work and healthy housing interventions, awarding competitive bids for hazard reduction and healthy housing work, including labor and supply costs, to qualified contractors, and monitoring work progress and quality of contractors who are successful in receiving bids and coordinating and account for the matching contributions to the proposed work at participating homes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a subcontract with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to provide expertise in facilitating community awareness and involvement and matching funds for the provision of services for hazard reduction work, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program, through its partnership with Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. will receive matching contributions from Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo for hazard reduction work, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work provided directly to participating property owners in Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program, through its partnership with Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc., and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs will make available healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work directly to participating property owners in the city of Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program, through its partnership with the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs will make available healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work directly to participating property owners in the city of Lackawanna; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the subcontracts with Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo are special services which must be provided immediately and continuously and therefore the RFP procedure required under Section 19.08 of the Erie County administrative Code is hereby waived; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust grant appropriations and revenues in accordance with the final grantor funding levels or grantor authorized changes to award amounts, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels and county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner in the Erie County Health Department, 9th Floor, Rath Building.