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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 22, 2013

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street– Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Establish Powerful Tools for Caregivers Grant Budget**

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to establish the budget for the Department of Senior Services' Powerful Tools grant for the period March 1, 2013, through Feb 28, 2014.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz  
Erie County Executive

Enclosure  
MCP/bb

cc: Randy Hoak, Dept of Senior Services  
Anthony Gregorczyk, Dept of Senior Services

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Senior Services  
Re: Establish Powerful Tools for Caregivers Grant Budget  
Date: April 9, 2013

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### **SUMMARY**

Approve the attached resolution to establish the budget for a Powerful Tools grant for the period March 1, 2013 through Feb 28, 2014.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

County funds are not required. The \$14,000 grant is 100% funded by the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMENDATION**

This funding will allow the Department to more effectively promote and assist in offering Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) classes to culturally diverse family caregivers in Erie County. The grant targets African American, Native American and Hispanic communities, and helps provide continued sustainability to the accomplishments of an earlier (2008) grant. The funding will provide textbooks, money for marketing, and advanced training opportunities for culturally diverse leaders already active in the program

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

It is well known that family caregivers often feel physically and mentally burned out. The challenges they face caring for their loved ones are often overwhelming, leading to high rates of depression, anxiety, and an increased vulnerability to health problems. Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a national, evidence based educational resource that empowers caregivers to better address these challenges. In 2004, using grant money from the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York, Class Leaders were trained and licensed to offer PTC classes to family caregivers in Erie County. In 2008, the Health Foundation provided additional funding to better target culturally diverse communities. Bringing PTC to Erie County has been an on-going partnership between the Erie County Caregiver Coalition and University at Buffalo School of Public Health and Health Professions, with Erie County Department of Senior Services being the lead agency.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Department would be unable to utilize these available grant funds to educate culturally diverse family caregivers providing services to their loved ones.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department will establish the Powerful Tools grant and carry out applicable grant objectives.

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

**RE: Establish Powerful Tools for  
Caregivers Grant Budget**

WHEREAS, the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York has notified the Department of Senior Services that the Department has been awarded \$14,000 for a Powerful Tools grant for the period March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Powerful Tools grant funds will be used by the Department of Senior Services to more effectively promote and assist in offering Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) classes to culturally diverse family caregivers in Erie County. These funds will continue to provide sustainability to the accomplishments of an earlier (2008) grant; and

WHEREAS, a local match is not required for this grant, as it is 100% funded by the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York; and

WHEREAS, the Falls Prevention grant budget needs to be established; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York to accept the Powerful Tools grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Powerful Tools grant, (163PWRTTOOLS1314), be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
417060	Other Income	\$14,000
APPROPRIATIONS		
510100	Out of Area Travel	500
516020	Professional Svcs & Fees	5000
530000	Other Expenses	<u>8,500</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$14,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust budgets as required to comply with the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York approved 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 of Senior Services.