



COUNTY OF ERIE

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

**RE: Revise Congregate Dining Program  
Grant Budget**

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department of Senior Services requesting authorization to revise the grant budget for the Congregate Dining Program for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

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

Sincerely,

MARK POLONCARZ  
Erie County Executive

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Senior Services  
**Re:** **Revise Congregate Dining Program Grant Budget**  
**Date:** **January 10, 2012**

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### **SUMMARY**

Approve the attached resolution to revise funds for the Congregate Dining program for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The revisions remain eligible for 90% federal reimbursement under the Congregate Dining grant.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMENDATION**

In 2011 the Salvation Army served more, while the Town of Amherst served fewer, meals than were originally estimated in each of their contracts with the Department of Senior Services. The remaining funds in the Amherst allocation can therefore be used to cover the additional Salvation Army meal preparation costs.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Salvation Army and Town of Amherst both contract with the Department of Senior Services, and are paid on a per meal basis, for the number of meals each prepares and serves at their congregare dining sites. Their initial annual contract amounts are based on the estimated number of meals each is expected to prepare and serve in the year.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Department would be unable to use all the Congregate Dining nutrition funding to the detriment of Seniors in Erie County.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department will revise the Congregate Dining grant budget and carry out grant objectives.

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

**RE: Revise Congregate Dining Program Grant Budget**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has already appropriated funds for the Congregate Dining program grant for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Congregate Dining funds are expected to be fully utilized for the provision of meals to the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Amherst and Salvation Army both contract with the Department of Senior Services to prepare their own congregating dining site meals, and are reimbursed by the Department of Senior Services based on per meal basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army congregating dining site served more congregating meals in 2011 than originally estimated, while the Town of Amherst served fewer meals than originally estimated; and

**WHEREAS**, unspent Town of Amherst funds are therefore available to pay for the additional congregating meals served by the Salvation Army; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congregate Dining grant, and Salvation Army contract, need to be revised; and

**WHEREAS**, the revisions will not change the required local match.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the budget for the Congregate Dining grant, 163III-C-12011, and Salvation Army contract, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Account	Description			
517829	Town of Amherst	\$90,000	-\$2,000	\$88,000
517777	Salvation Army	45,000	2,000	47,000
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<u><u>\$0</u></u>	

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.