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# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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March 12, 2012

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Approval for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant to accept a \$2,200 award to conduct Diabetes awareness classes**

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Department of Senior Services Retired Senior Volunteer Program to accept a one-time \$2,200 award to conduct diabetes awareness classes for Erie County senior citizens.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Anthony Gregorczyk, Supervisor of Grants Administration in the Department of Senior Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb  
Enclosure

cc: Anthony Gregorczyk, Department of Senior Services

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Senior Services  
**Re:** The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant acceptance of a \$2,200 award to conduct Diabetes awareness classes  
**Date:** February 29, 2012

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### **SUMMARY**

The Senior Services Department applied for and was awarded \$2,200 in funding from the National Senior Corps Association to conduct "Diabetes 101" classes as part of RSVP's University Express lifelong learning program.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No additional County funds are required.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The funding will be used to offer free educational sessions given by volunteer instructors on medical and nutritional aspects of diabetes, and free screening benefits through Medicare at eight senior centers/residences through RSVP's University Express lifelong learning program. The goal is to improve the health and well being of Erie County's seniors, age 65 and older, through encouraging use of the free, yet underutilized, preventive diabetes screening benefits that exist in Medicare. Early diagnosis is critical to avoid complications such as stroke, heart attack, vision loss or amputations. Screening Medicare beneficiaries with prediabetes is essential to help them take the necessary steps to prevent diabetes.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

According to the Medicare Diabetes Screening Project, 10.9 million Americans age 65 and older have diabetes, and 3 million of those age 65 and older who have diabetes are undiagnosed. 14 million Americans have prediabetes with the vast majority undiagnosed. Medicare recipients who have diabetes account for 34% of Medicare spending. Screening and early detection are essential to prevent complications for people with diabetes and for prevention of the onset of the disease for those with pre-diabetes. Medicare now covers free annual screening for beneficiaries at-risk for diabetes. However, data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) suggests that these benefits are underutilized, with only 10 - 12% of beneficiaries screened.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Funding will not be available to conduct the "Diabetes 101" classes

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Department will process the budget revisions and conduct the "Diabetes 101" classes.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES

RE: The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant  
acceptance of a \$2,200 award to conduct Diabetes awareness classes

WHEREAS, the 2012 Erie County Budget includes funds appropriated for the 163RSVP1213 grant, for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30,2013; and

WHEREAS, the grantor has changed the 163RSVP1213 grant year to the period April 1, 2012 to March 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Department applied for and was awarded \$2,200 in funding from the National Senior Corps Association to conduct "Diabetes 101" classes as part of RSVP's University Express lifelong learning program; and

WHEREAS, the "Diabetes 101" classes, to be held at various sites during the spring and fall of 2012, will provide Erie County seniors with information about symptoms, risks, and management of diabetes, the importance of early screening to prevent complications, and the availability of the free diabetes screening benefit through Medicare;

WHEREAS, the 163RSVP1213 grant budget is in need of revision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to accept the \$2,200 award from the National Senior Corps Association to fund the RSVP's "Diabetes 101" classes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that 163RSVP1213 grant be for the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 and the budget for the grant, be revised as follows:

		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Account	Description			
417060	Other Income	\$0	+\$2,200	\$2,200
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Account	Description			
510000	Local Mileage	\$28,350	+\$540	\$28,890
530000	Other Expenses	\$470	+320	790

980000	ID DISS Services	\$1,000	<u>±1,340</u>	2,340
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS CHANGE		<u>\$2,200</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 Departments of Law, Personnel, and Senior Services.