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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 15, 2012

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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Re: Amend Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) grant to provide for increased transportation dollars

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department of Senior Services requesting authorization to amend the grant budget for the Community Services for the Elderly grant and related contracts for Hispanics United, Inc., Lt. Matt Urban Homan Services Center of Western New York an assumed name of Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc. and Schiller Park Community Services, Inc. for the period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.

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

Sincerely yours,


Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Anthony Gregorczyk, Department of Senior Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Senior Services
Re: Amend Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) grant to provide for increased transportation dollars
Date: November 15, 2012

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution to accept an additional \$5,639 of state funds from New York State Office for Aging (NYSOFA) for the Community Service for the Elderly (CSE) program for the grant period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013, and amend senior transportation contracts with Schiller Park Community Services, Inc. (Schiller Park), Hispanics United of Buffalo (Hispanics United) and Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of Western New York an assumed name of Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc. (Matt Urban Center).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds required.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The additional state funding will assist the Department of Senior Services (Department) in attempting to meet the rising demand for senior transportation services. Schiller Park will be able to operate a new vehicle being added to our fleet, and Hispanics United and Matt Urban Center will have additional funding to help offset rising transportation costs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has previously awarded the Department a new vehicle with wheelchair capacity for the Department's Going Places Transportation Program which is being delivered in November.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department will be unable to operate the vehicle; increased expenses could result in decreased transportation for seniors to congregate activities.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department will amend the CSE budget and amend the applicable contracts with Schiller Park, Hispanics United and Matt Urban Center.

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

**RE: Amend Community Services for the
 Elderly (CSE) grant to provide for
 increased transportation dollars**

WHEREAS, the 2012 Erie County Budget includes funds appropriated for Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) Grant; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for Aging (NYSOFA) has notified the Department of Senior Services (Department) of an award of additional state funds in the amount of \$5,639 for the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) Grant for the period April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Department's Going Places Transportation Program was previously awarded a vehicle by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), which is now being delivered; and

WHEREAS, the Department currently contracts with Schiller Park Community Services, Inc. (Schiller Park) to provide transportation services to seniors 60 years of age and older under CSE funding, and desires to amend the contract with Schiller Park to reflect the additional vehicle and funds for the operation of the new vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Department also contracts for senior transportation services with Hispanics United of Buffalo, Inc. (Hispanics United) and Lt. Col. Matt Urban Human Services Center of Western New York an assumed name of Polish Community Center of Buffalo, Inc. (Matt Urban Center) thru CSE; and

WHEREAS, the additional CSE funds will partially offset the increased expenses and continue services; and

WHEREAS, the CSE grant budget is in need of revision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to accept additional NYSOFA funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to amend the contracts with Hispanics United, Matt Urban Center and Schiller Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the CSE grant, 163CSE1213, be revised as follows:

REVENUES		CURRENT BUDGET	CHANGES	AMENDED BUDGET
Account	Description			
409000	State Aid	\$1,138,957	<u>\$5,639</u>	\$1,144,596
	TOTAL CHANGE		<u>\$5,639</u>	

APPROPRIATIONS				
Account	Description			
517785	Schiller Park	\$228,780	\$4,000	\$232,780
517641	Hispanics United	\$ 2,350	\$ 775	\$ 3,125
517693	Matt Urban Center	\$278,630	<u>\$ 864</u>	\$279,494
	TOTAL CHANGE		<u>\$5,639</u>	

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