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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 31, 2022

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

Re: Department of Social Services – Administration for Community Living - Adult Protective Services Grant FFY22

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Social Services has been awarded \$412,142 in 100% Federal funds through the Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services administered by the Administration for Community Living (ACL). This proposed resolution authorizes the Department of Social Services to amend the 2022 Adopted Budget to extend the term of the Temporary Social Case Supervisor - Unit and the Temporary Senior Case Assistant – Social Services in the Adult Protective Services division, fund additional overtime, enter into contract with Diona (US), Inc. for additional upgrades, replace outdated equipment, and purchase emergency food boxes for vulnerable adults.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Marie Cannon at the Department of Social Services. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mmk
Enclosure

cc: Commissioner of Social Services Marie Cannon

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Department of Social Services
Re: Administration for Community Living – Adult Protective Services Grant FFY22
Date: October 31, 2022

SUMMARY

This proposed resolution authorizes the Department of Social Services to amend the 2022 Adopted Budget to accept funding from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and to extend the term of the Temporary Social Case Supervisor – Unit and the Temporary Senior Case Assistant – Social Services in the Adult Protective Services division, fund additional overtime, contract with Diona (US), Inc. for additional upgrades, replace outdated equipment, and purchase emergency food boxes for vulnerable adults.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This resolution authorizes the acceptance of \$412,142 of Federal funds and to extend the term of the Temporary Social Case Supervisor – Unit and the Temporary Senior Case Assistant – Social Services in the Adult Protective Services division, fund additional overtime, contract with Diona (US), Inc. for additional upgrades, replace outdated equipment, and purchase emergency food boxes for vulnerable adults. This action will not utilize any local share dollars.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

These funds are being made available to states to provide resources to enhance, improve, and expand Adult Protective Services' (APS) ability to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) recently surveyed the districts to ascertain the current needs and services of vulnerable adults in their local districts as well as their staff's needs. The survey identified the following needs and services: the need for additional/temporary staff; additional personal protection equipment; the use of tele-health services; and tangible services for clients, such as rental assistance, transportation, and food and meal delivery.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

These important services could not be provided.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The 2022 adopted budget will be amended and the term will be extended for the Temporary Social Case Supervisor – Unit and a Temporary Senior Case Assistant – Social Services in the Adult Protective Services Division, additional overtime will be funded, a contract will be executed with Diona (US), Inc. for additional upgrades, outdated equipment will be replaced, and emergency food boxes will be purchased.

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

Re: Administration for Community Living – Adult Protective Services FFY22

WHEREAS, federal funds have become available through the Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services to respond to a survey performed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) of Local Districts as well as their staff's needs which are administered by the Administration for Community Living (ACL); and

WHEREAS, services are to be provided to Adult Protective Services (APS) Clients to enhance, improve, and expand the ability of APS to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, these funds may not be used to supplant any New York State APS funds they must be used to supplement existing state and local district APS resources; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services (APS) division would like to extend the term of two temporary positions to fill voids in their succession plan to September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, B-100's have been issued for both positions as follows: B-100 #12994 Temporary Social Case Supervisor – Unit and B-100 #13001 Temporary Case Assistant -Social Services; and

WHEREAS, these temporary staff members will be trained to assume positions of staff that will be retiring in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services (APS) division would like to expand overtime in the amount of \$80,000, perform additional upgrades to the Dionna System in the amount of \$70,000, replace outdated equipment in the amount of \$44,500, and distribute emergency food boxes in the amount of \$10,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to accept funding for the Administration for Community Living – Adult Protective Services Grant FFY 22 in the amount of \$412,142; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and the County Executive are hereby authorized to extend the term of the Temporary Social Case Assistant – Unit and the Temporary Case Assistant – Social Services until September 30, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Social Services is authorized to enter into contract with Diona (US), Inc. for the provision of services to provide additional modifications to the Mobile Adult Protective Preventive Services (MAPPS) system, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2022 Adopted Budget in order to establish Federal funding for the Administration for Community Living – Adult Protective Services Grant FFY 22 program:

Erie County Department of Social Services
Fund 110, Fund Center 120

Revenue	Increase
Account 414010 – Federal Aid	\$412,142
Appropriation	Increase
Account 500000 – Salaries	\$133,962
Account 501000 – Overtime	\$80,000
Account 502000 – Fringe Benefits	\$73,680
Account 516020 – Professional Services Contracts	\$80,000
Account 561410 – Lab & Technical Equipment	\$44,500
Net Change	\$ -0-

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to make any additional budget adjustment which may be required in order to match expense with Federal funding allocation adjustments, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.