

JANUARY 15, 2009

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR IANNELLO.
CHAIR MARINELLI PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 23M-9 (2008)
BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: Agenda Items for Board of Trustees Meeting to be Held on 11/20/08
(6-0)
 - b. COMM. 1M-7 (2009)
BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: Agenda Items for Meeting Held 12/18/08
(6-0)
2. COMM. 26E-14 (2008)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, Erie Community College has identified a need for a capital project involving the renovation and upgrade of several academic labs at North Campus, which was not included as part of the original capital project budget approved by Erie County; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a balance of approximately \$1,060,000 in ECC's capital chargeback account; and

WHEREAS, the renovation and upgrade will create state-of-the-art academic labs providing an enhanced teaching and learning environment, increasing student retention and enrollment while addressing some long-standing infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, all costs incurred up to \$800,000 for this project will be paid out of ECC's capital chargeback account without utilizing operating funds; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2008 the ECC Board of Trustees approved the capital project to be submitted for sponsor approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the ECC Board of Trustees approved a capital project involving the renovation and upgrade of several academic labs at North Campus at a cost estimated not to exceed \$800,000 to be funded by the Erie Community College Capital Chargeback Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pending Erie County Legislative approval, such project, along with corporate donations, will be submitted to New York State for 50% state aid reimbursement, with such reimbursement being placed back into the capital chargeback account; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, President of Erie Community College, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Erie County Director of Budget, Management of Finance, the Erie County Comptroller, the Department of Law and the Erie County Commissioner of Public Works.
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3. COMM. 26E-15 (2008)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the State University of New York (SUNY) has proposed a Statewide Community College Capital Reinvestment Study modeled after a similar study completed for the four-year SUNY institutions, which was not included as part of the original capital project budget approved by Erie County; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a balance of approximately \$1,060,000 in ECC's capital chargeback account; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Reinvestment Study will develop a model that can be utilized by ECC to develop capital priorities, assist the local sponsor and the college in determining the college's on-going capital facility needs and substantiating those needs to both the sponsor and the State; and

WHEREAS, all costs incurred up to \$15,000 for this project will be paid out of ECC's capital chargeback account without utilizing operating funds; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2008 the ECC Board of Trustees approved the capital project to be submitted for sponsor approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the ECC Board of Trustees approved a capital project involving the participation in a Statewide Community College Capital Reinvestment Study at a cost estimated not to exceed \$15,000 to be funded by the Erie Community College Capital Chargeback Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pending Erie County Legislative approval, ECC will enter into a Participatory Agreement with SUNY for completion of the study with ECC paying 50% of its share at an amount not to exceed \$15,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, President of Erie Community College, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the Erie County Director of Budget, Management of Finance, the Erie County Comptroller, the Department of Law and the Erie County Commissioner of Public Works.

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4. INTRO 1-2 (2009)

**MARINELLI, WHYTE, KONST, REYNOLDS,
KENNEDY, GRANT, MAZUR & LOUGHRAN**

AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the 2009 Budget proposed by the County Executive recommended funding amounts for most cultural organizations at levels reduced from the amounts requested by these vitally important institutions during the ECCRAB (Erie County Cultural Resources Advisory Board) process and less than they received in 2008; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2008, the Erie County Legislature determined that it was appropriate to fund these cultural institutions at a level which brought the 2009 cultural grants to 95% of the funding level each organization received in 2008; and

WHEREAS, these funding restorations were offset by more than sufficient cuts in other areas of the budget proposed by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2008, the County Executive vetoed most of the funding restorations made by the Erie County Legislature for cultural institutions, an action that was reversed by the Erie County Legislature on December 9, 2008 pursuant to Section 2608 of the Erie County Charter; and

WHEREAS, two cultural institutions were inadvertently omitted during the override votes—Arts in Education Institute of WNY and Big Orbit Gallery; and

WHEREAS, it was and continues to be the stated intent of the Erie County Legislature to provide funding for these two organizations in 2009 at a level that is 95% of the operational support they received from Erie County in 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Budget Director is directed to adjust Fund 110, (Cultural Resource Advisory Board), Fund Center 133020, Account No. 516000-Arts in Education Institute of WNY, Inc be increased from \$5,000 to \$9,500 to reflect the Erie County Legislature's stated intent that this organization be funded for 2009 at a level that is 95% of the operational support they received from Erie County in 2008, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Budget Director is directed to adjust Fund 110, (Cultural Resource Advisory Board), Fund Center 1333020, Account No. 516000, Big Orbit Gallery be increased from \$15,000 to \$16,285 to reflect the Erie County Legislature's stated intent that this organization be funded for 2009 at a level that is 95% of the operational support they received from Erie County in 2008, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature affirms that there are available funds for this purpose in the 2009 Erie County Budget as adopted by the Erie County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be delivered to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Budget Director, the County Attorney, the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning, the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority and the directors of the Arts in Education Institute of WNY, Inc. and the Big Orbit Gallery.

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**BETTY JEAN GRANT
CHAIR**