

NOVEMBER 3, 2005

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR CHASE.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

- a. COMM. 27D-4 (2005)
PERSONNEL: EC Hires/Separations July 2005
(4-0)
- b. COMM. 27D-5 (2005)
PERSONNEL: EC Hires/Separations August 2005
(4-0)
- c. COMM. 27D-6 (2005)
PERSONNEL: EC Hires/Separations September 2005
(4-0)

2. INTRO 14-2 (2005) **AS AMENDED**
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WHEREAS, the County of Erie is experiencing an unprecedented fiscal crisis, with estimates of a 2005 budget deficit of either \$60 million, \$113.5 million, or more, and

WHEREAS, given the County's fiscal situation, it is imperative to develop new strategies to help close that deficit reduce costs and/or provide revenue to the County government, and

WHEREAS, one possible way to help reduce costs and develop revenue entails the possible sale of County-owned properties, and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and Comptroller, separately, have each mentioned this possibility as a means to develop revenue and/or replenish the fund balance or cover 2005 operational costs, and

WHEREAS, possible properties that could be sold to private entities to receive revenue to help close the 2005 deficit and/or rebuild the fund balance could include:

- Public Safety Campus
- Ticor Building
- Family Court Building

- 45 Oak Street
- Youth Detention Facility
- Erie County Home property
- Highway Division barns/properties

and

WHEREAS, those properties would also be placed back onto the tax rolls with property taxes paid to the County and local governments, and with the County possibly continuing to rent space at each property or reduce or eliminate its presence in each property in total, and

WHEREAS, both the Buffalo/Niagara Partnership's Stabilization Report and the Erie County Four Year Plan recommend conducting a space utilization audit and review and recommend that the county terminate leases with private operators and move county offices and services back into appropriate county-owned properties to save money, and

WHEREAS, the county owns about 280 buildings or properties with a total volume of approximately 6.7 million square feet, and

WHEREAS, the county employs approximately 3,400 full-time, part-time and seasonal employees who work in 1.6 million square feet of owned/leased office space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby express its interest in the possibility of selling the above-mentioned properties to private entities to receive needed revenue and bring the properties back onto the tax rolls, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body requests that the County Executive and his administration produce a detailed plan to potentially sell the above-mentioned properties to private interests for revenue in 2005 and to expeditiously provide that report and plan to the Legislature for review and potential approval as soon as possible, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby supports the optimization of space utilization and a reduction of county-leased office space to more optimal and efficient levels, and calls on the County Executive to take affirmative action to reduce county use of leased spaces and to allow leases to lapse and to bring county offices, employees and services back into county-owned properties where appropriate, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, Comptroller, Budget Director, County Attorney, Commissioner of Public Works and Purchase Director. (3-1) Legislator Kennedy in the negative.

3. COMM. 27E-18 (2005)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award from the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control in the amount of \$3,000,000 for implementing the “LEADSAFE Erie County” grant, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development requires partnerships as part of the grant application package, and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health, Independent Health Foundation, Inc., Belmont Shelter Corp., Environmental Education Associates, Inc. and Sheehan Memorial Hospital “Navigators” Community Health Advocacy Group have joined together in a LEADSAFE Erie County partnership for the purposes of providing services under this grant, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the LEADSAFE Erie County program is to reduce the number of housing units that present a lead hazard to the young children of Erie County, and

WHEREAS, this will be accomplished through home paint inspections and lead risk assessments, provision of services for hazard control and implementation of a training /education curriculum for contractors in Erie County, and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the requirements of this program it will be necessary to create one full-time position of Administrative Clerk, JG VII and three full-time positions of Investigating Public Health Sanitarian, JG VIII, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with the Independent Health Foundation, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$165,300 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/08 for the purpose of providing “the Wellness Van,” materials and publicity at outreach events and “safe haven” day care management relocation, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with Belmont Shelter Corp. for an amount not to exceed \$1,065,000 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/08 for the purpose of preparing Environmental Impact Statements and work and bid specifications in homes to receive lead hazard control work, and awarding competitive bids for hazard control work to qualified contractors, and monitoring work progress and quality of contractors who are successful in receiving bids, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with Environmental Education Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/08 for the purpose of providing periodic training courses for contractors on hazard control and lead safe work practices and for clearance sampling and reporting, and copyrighted Lead Risk Assessment Report and Occupant Protection plan, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with Sheehan Memorial Hospital “Navigators” Community Health Advocacy Group for an amount not to exceed \$62,700 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/08 for the purpose of providing community health outreach to recruit contractors, plan outreach events, and facilitate access to urban neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), to accept the grant budgeted as follows:

**LEAD HAZARD CONTROL
11/01/05-10/31/08
PROJECT #127LeadHAZARD0507**

SAP CODE	REVENUE	BUDGET
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u><u>\$ 3,000,000</u></u>
	APPROPRIATIONS	
500000	Personal Services	\$ 637,506
501000	Overtime	12,000
502000	Fringe Benefits	201,022
505000	Office Supplies	7,200
505200	Clothing Supplies	1,000
505600	Auto Truck Supplies	1,500
506200	Maintenance & Repair Supplies	500
510000	Local Mileage	16,350
510100	Travel-Out Of Area	10,000
510200	Training And Education	3,500
516010	Contractual Payments-Nonprofit Purchase of Services	1,393,000
516020	Professional Services Contracts & Fees	3,500
516030	Maintenance Contracts	1,000

530000	Other Expenses	647,122
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	23,000
561420	Office Equipment	3,000
912730	ID Health Lab Services	<u>38,800</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u><u>\$ 3,000,000</u></u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that one full-time position of Administrative Clerk JG VII and three full-time positions of Investigating Public Health Sanitarian JG VIII are hereby created on B-100 control numbers 1366 and 1367.

The following personnel detail is hereby submitted:

TITLE: Administrative Clerk JG VII STEP: 1 ANNUAL SALARY: \$31,898 ANNUAL BENEFITS: \$12,760	FUNDING: 100% Federally Funded CIVIL SERVICE: Yes CIVIL SERVICE LIST: Pending
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TITLE: Investigating Public Health Sanitarian JG VIII STEP: 1 ANNUAL SALARY: \$34,254 ANNUAL BENEFITS: \$13,702	FUNDING: 100% Federally Funded CIVIL SERVICE: Yes CIVIL SERVICE LIST: Yes
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Department of Health, Independent Health Foundation, Inc., Belmont Shelter Corp., Environmental Education Associates, Inc. and Sheehan Memorial Hospital "Navigators" Community Health Advocacy Group have joined together in a LEADSAFE Erie County partnership for the purposes of providing services under this grant, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a subcontract with the Independent Health Foundation, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$165,300 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/08 for the purpose of providing "the Wellness Van," materials and publicity at outreach events and 'safe haven' day care management relocation, and be it further,

RESOLVED., that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a subcontract with Belmont Shelter Corp. for an amount not to exceed \$1,065,000 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/08 for the purpose of preparing Environmental Impact Statements and work and bid specifications in homes to receive lead hazard control work, and awarding competitive bids for hazard control work to qualified contractors, and monitoring work progress and quality of contractors who are successful in receiving bids, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a subcontract with Environmental Education Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/08 for the purpose of providing periodic training courses for contractors on hazard control and lead safe work practices and for clearance sampling and reporting, and copyrighted Lead Risk Assessment Report and Occupant Protection plan, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a subcontract with Sheehan Memorial Hospital 'Navigators' Community Health Advocacy Group for an amount not to exceed \$62,700 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/08 for the purpose of providing community health outreach to recruit contractors, plan outreach events, and facilitate access to urban neighborhoods, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the subcontracts with the Independent Health Foundation, Inc., Belmont Shelter Corp., Environmental Education Associates, Inc., and Sheehan Memorial Hospital 'Navigators' Community Health Advocacy Group are special services which must be provided immediately and continuously and therefore the RFP procedure required under Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administration Code, is hereby waived, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Health, the Department of Personnel, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance and the Department of Law.
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4. COMM. 27E-19 (2005)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award from the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control in the amount of \$500,000 for implementing the "LEADSAFE Outreach" Grant program, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development requires partnerships as part of the grant application package, and

WHEREAS, the Independent Health Foundation, Inc, Family Medicine Research Institute SUNY at Buffalo, and Sheehan Memorial Hospital “Navigators” Community Health Advocacy Group have joined together in a LEADSAFE Outreach partnership for the purposes of providing services under this grant, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the LEADSAFE Outreach program is to increase participation in the lead based paint hazard control program “LEADSAFE Erie County” and to provide community training and education regarding lead poisoning in Erie County, and

WHEREAS, this will be accomplished through community outreach events, in-home visits and distribution of intervention supplies for residents in Erie County, and

WHEREAS, to efficiently meet the needs of this program it will be necessary to create one full-time position of Jr. Education Specialist – Environmental Health, JG VII and one full-time position of Investigating Public Health Sanitarian, JG VIII, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with the Independent Health Foundation, Inc. for the amount of \$123,000 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/07 for the purpose of providing the Wellness Van, education and publicity materials, publicity for outreach events and a marketing campaign, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with Family Medicine Research Institute SUNY at Buffalo for the amount \$40,000 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/07 for the purpose of providing statistical analysis of project data and assistance with project evaluation, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with Sheehan Memorial Hospital ‘Navigators’ Community Health Advocacy Group for the amount of \$87,000 for the period 11/1/05 – 10/31/07 for the purpose of providing community health outreach, performing in-home visits, plan outreach events, and facilitate access to urban neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to accept the grant budgeted as follows:

**LEAD OUTREACH
11/01/05-10/31/07
PROJECT #127Leadoutreach0506**

SAP CODE	REVENUE	BUDGET
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
	APPROPRIATIONS	
500000	Personal Services	\$ 151,682
501000	Overtime	6,500
502000	Fringe Benefits	48,958
505000	Office Supplies	3,600
505200	Clothing Supplies	1,000
506200	Maintenance & Repair Supplies	500
510000	Local Mileage	9,000
510100	Travel-Out Of Area	3,500
510200	Training And Education	1,500
516010	Contractual Payments-Nonprofit Purchase of Services	250,000
516020	Professional Services Contracts & Fees	1,000
530000	Other Expenses	18,260
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	4,000
561420	Office Equipment	<u>500</u>
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that one full-time position of Investigating Public Health Sanitarian, JG VIII, and one full-time position of Junior Education Specialist – Environmental Health, JG VII, are hereby created as reflected on B-100 control numbers 1364 and 1365.

The following personnel detail is hereby submitted:

TITLE: Junior Education Specialist- Environmental Health JG VII	FUNDING: 100% Federally Funded
STEP: 1	CIVIL SERVICE: Yes
ANNUAL SALARY: \$31,898	CIVIL SERVICE LIST: Yes
ANNUAL BENEFITS: \$12,760	

TITLE: Investigating Public Health Sanitarian JG VIII	FUNDING: 100% Federally Funded
STEP: 1	CIVIL SERVICE: Yes
ANNUAL SALARY: \$34,254	CIVIL SERVICE LIST: Yes
ANNUAL BENEFITS: \$13,702	

and be it further

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CHAIRPERSON