

November 12, 2020

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 11

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 17E-2 (2020)
CHIMERA: “Letter to Health Commissioner Concerning Use of Face Masks on School Buses & in Primary, Middle & High Schools”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 20E-3 (2020)
COMPTROLLER: “Letter to Commissioner of Health Regarding Quarantining Post-Out-of-State Travel”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 20E-4 (2020)
CHIMERA: “Letter to Commissioner of Health Concerning COVID Incidences in Nursing Homes & Assisted Care Facilities”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - d. COMM. 20E-20 (2020)
COMPTROLLER: “Letter to Commissioner of Health Regarding County Employee Cases of COVID-19”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - e. COMM. 20D-2 (2020)
COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH: “Letter to Comptroller Regarding County Employee Positive COVID-19 Cases”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - f. COMM. 20D-7 (2020)
DEPARTMENT OF LAW: “Local Emergency Order Extensions”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 20E-9 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, The Department of Social Services is mandated to review and authorize services for individuals not enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care plans for Assistive Technology (AT), Environmental Modifications (E-Mods), and Vehicle Modifications (V-Mods) as of April 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has established a Special Project Fund and a process that will eliminate the need for the Local Department of Social Services to front funds to non-Medicaid enrolled providers in advance of receiving Medicaid reimbursement for LDSS authorized services; and

WHEREAS, Funds in the amount of \$9,553 have been transferred from the New York State Department of Health to Erie County to provide a funding source for the costs associated with three Environmental and Vehicle Modification (E-Mods & V-Mods).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, this resolution authorizes the execution of contracts in an amount of \$9,553 consistent with the increased appropriation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to make all needed budget revisions, establish appropriations based on this unanticipated revenue, and transfer funds consistent with New York State Department of Health requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive and Commissioner of Social Services are hereby authorized to execute any such contracts, which he or she deems to be in the best interest of the residents and taxpayers of the County of Erie; 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.
(5-0)

3. COMM. 20E-10 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, West Herr Auto Group has collected 1,000 turkeys valued at approximately \$15,000 this Holiday Season; and

WHEREAS, the collected turkeys will be distributed to clients of the Department of Social Services in both the Family Wellness and Family Independence divisions; and

WHEREAS, West Herr Auto Group has agreed to assist the Department of Social Services in the distribution of the turkeys; and

WHEREAS, providing these turkeys fits the vision of the Department of Social Services to create a community where children, adults, and families are healthy and safe and enjoy a quality life; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law, all donations must be approved and accepted by the Erie County Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, this resolution authorizes the Department of Social Services to accept the donation of 1,000 turkeys valued at approximately \$15,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the Commissioner of Social Services are hereby authorized to distribute these turkeys to families currently involved with programs provided directly or indirectly by the Department of Social Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to execute any and all appropriate documents as may be necessary for the provision of temporary storage space at the county facilities for the distribution of the turkeys; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

4. **COMM. 20E-11 (2020)**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the National Council on Aging's (NCOA) Benefit Enrollment Center (BEC) initiative is a national program that supports efforts by community-based organizations and agencies to assist Medicare recipients in applying for and enrolling in financial assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Senior Services, had submitted a competitive grant application to NCOA for BEC Grant funding to increase current outreach and enrollment assistance to all Erie County residents with focus in rural and refugee communities in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, NCOA has recently awarded the Department \$60,000 of Benefit Enrollment Center grant funds for the period October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required, as the grant is 100% funded by the grantor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with NCOA to accept the \$60,000 of BEC funding for the period October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with the NCOA to effectuate changes to funding levels or grant period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the 163BEC2021 grant, be established as follows:

REVENUES		BUDGET
Account	Description	
414000	Federal Revenue	\$60,000
APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET
Account	Description	
505000	Office Supplies	\$3,500
516020	Pro Ser Cnt and Fees	\$5,000
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	\$5,000
916390	ID Senior Services Grant	\$45,000
980000	ID DISS Services	\$1,500
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$60,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the budget as required to comply with the NCOA approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the: County Executive Office; Division of Budget and Management; Comptroller's Office; and the Department of Senior Services.
(6-0)

5. COMM. 20E-21 (2020)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE & SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Crisis Services partnered to create and implement one of the first Crisis Intervention Training programs in New York State for a county jail system; and

WHEREAS, nationally, detention center and jail facilities have experienced an increase in the number of inmates or detainees with mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, with training, many times reporting officers can de-escalate situations and reduce the number use of force incidents; and

WHEREAS, the training is designed to help sworn officers working in a jail setting to de-escalate situations involving inmates experiencing mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office would utilize Telephone Revenue funds for the training, which will eliminate any burden to the taxpayer or affect the 2020 Erie County Budget; and

WHEREAS, this use of funds complies with COMM. 6E-24, 2013, which states that telephone revenue "shall be dedicated to the general operation of the Holding Center and Correctional facility"; and

WHEREAS, the Telephone Revenue account has a balance of \$757,695.00; and

WHEREAS, this resolution seeks authorization to enter into an agreement with Crisis Services to deliver up to six training session throughout 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has utilized Crisis Services and its curriculum over the past few years; and

WHEREAS, due to continuity issues as well as the county's on-going working relationship for crisis intervention services, the Office seeks to waive Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Division of Budget and Management to transfer \$90,000.00 in available Telephone Revenue funds to the appropriate Erie County Sheriff's Office accounts:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>
415622	Jail Telephone Revenue Funds	<u>\$90,000.00</u>
<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
510200	Training and Education	<u>\$90,000.00</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$90,000.00</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby waives the procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for purposes of securing the services Crisis Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Legislature authorizes the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Crisis Services, 100 River Rock Drive, Suite 300, Buffalo, New York 14207 for six (6) sessions of Crisis Intervention Training for sworn and non-sworn personnel of the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management; and be it further

RESOLVED, the agreement is to expire on December 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, the training for the Jail Management Division shall not to exceed \$90,000.00 and is to be completed no later than December 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Division of Budget and Management are authorized to have any unused funds either remain in or returned to Telephone Revenue account; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this transfer should there be any unforeseen issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Legislature shall send certified copies of the approved resolution to the County Executive, the County Attorney's Office, the Division of Purchasing, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff's Office for implementation.
(5-0)

LISA M. CHIMERA
CHAIR