

October 14, 2021

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 11

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 18D-2 (2021)  
**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES:** “Child Protective Caseloads for 08/2021”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - b. COMM. 18D-3 (2021)  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW:** “Local Emergency Order Extensions”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - c. COMM. 18M-3 (2021)  
**EC BOARD OF HEALTH:** “Meeting Minutes for Meeting Held on 07/06/2021”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
  - d. COMM. 18M-5 (2021)  
**RESPITE & RECOVERY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** “Letter to Chair of Legislature Regarding Membership on Advisory Board”  
(Chair’s Ruling)
2. COMM. 18E-10 (2021)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health is responsible for the delivery of a comprehensive range of mental and behavioral health services for the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Mental Health has been awarded \$425,000 annually for a 5-year period that began 10/1/17 by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) as part of an initiative to offer expanded and enhanced substance use disorder treatment services in existing family treatment drug courts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Mental Health thus requires legislative approval to accept the Federal funds and to establish a grant budget in Fund 281; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this federal aid to serve high-risk families residing in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to accept SAMHSA grant funds and to have the Department of Mental Health oversee the provision of related services by amending its contract with BestSelf Behavioral Health, and thus authorizes the Division of Budget and Management to establish a grant as follows:

Erie County Department of Mental Health  
Grant Fund 281, Fund Center 12410  
October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022  
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Revenue	Increase
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue	\$425,000
Appropriation	Increase
Account 517534 – BestSelf Behavioral Health OMH	\$425,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that to the extent this subcontract may constitute a professional, technical or other consultant service, the County Administrative Code requirement in Section 19.08 for a Request for Proposal (RFP) is hereby waived, as this Honorable Body has previously approved of the County’s entering into contract with BestSelf Behavioral Health, Inc. on June 8, 2017 (Comm. 10E-18); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to the grantor award, provided there are no changes to county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Mental Health, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget and Management.

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3. COMM. 18E-11 (2021)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services has been awarded an amount of \$1,557,024 in 100% federal share funding to provide Outreach and Application Assistance for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services issued a RFP on May 6, 2021 to qualified agencies interested in providing Outreach and Application Assistance Services to customers in Erie County applying for rental assistance secondary to the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, based on the results of the RFP the Erie County Department of Social Services has identified Belmont Housing, The Martin Group, and the Community Action Organization of Western New York as the recipients of this funding to provide Outreach and Application services to the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requires legislative approval to accept the Federal funding and to amend the Adopted 2021 Budget; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this federal aid to serve individuals residing in Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to accept Federal funds for the Outreach and Application Assistance for the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program and authorizes the Division of Budget and Management to amend the 2021 Adopted Budget as follows:

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

Revenue	Increase
Account 414000 - Federal Aid Revenue	\$1,557,024
Appropriation	Increase
Account 516020 – Professional Services Contracts	\$1,557,024

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to the award, provided there are no changes to county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the County Executive, the Department of Social Services, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Division of Budget and Management.

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4. COMM. 18E-12 (2021)

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, federal funds have become available through the Grants to Enhance Adult Protective Services to Respond to COVID-19 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 in the context of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Center of Elder Law and Justice was the only agency to respond to the RFP and has the expertise to carry out the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the State of New York to accept funding for the Administration for Community Living – Adult Protective Services Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and the County Executive are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Center for Elder Law and Justice in the amount of \$40,000 for the provision of services outlined in the grant to provide Adult Protective Services Clients protections against elder abuse and scams with a focus on isolation during the pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2021 Adopted Budget in order to establish Federal funding for the Administration for Community Living – Adult Protective Services Grant program:

Department of Social Services – 2021 Budget  
Fund 110

Revenue	Increase
414010 Federal Aid – Other	\$275,732
516010 Contract Pymts Nonprofit Purch Svcs	\$40,000
501000 Overtime	\$55,000
561410 Lab & Technical Equipment	\$143,390
516020 Professional Service Contracts	\$37,342
Net County Cost	\$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 comply 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.

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**LISA M. CHIMERA**  
**CHAIR**