

December 12, 2019

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 16

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR DIXON.
CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 23D-1 (2019)
DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES: “CPS Statistical Report - October 2019”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 25E-12 (2019)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes in the amount of \$5,600,000; and

WHEREAS, this grant award includes \$5,000,000 for implementing the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program and \$600,000 in supplemental Healthy Housing funds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development requires partnerships and mandatory matching contributions as part of the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health, Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc., the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, Partnership for the Public Good, Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc., the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning, and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs have joined together in partnership for the purposes of providing services under this grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program is to provide efficient, cost-effective lead hazard reduction activities in privately owned homes throughout Erie County, with recruiting efforts focused in the Cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna, which are occupied and frequented by children under the age of six; and

WHEREAS, this will be accomplished through home paint inspections and lead risk assessments by Erie County staff, and provision of services for lead hazard reduction activities, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work utilizing these grant funds and matching contributions by the County and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. for the period 1/1/20 – 6/30/23 for the purposes of preparing work and bid specifications in homes to receive lead hazard reduction work and healthy housing interventions, awarding competitive bids for hazard reduction and healthy housing work, including labor and supply costs, to qualified contractors, and monitoring work progress and quality of contractors who are successful in receiving bids, and coordinating and account for the matching contributions to the proposed work at participating homes; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to subcontract with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to provide expertise in facilitating community awareness and involvement and matching funds for the provision of services for hazard reduction work, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM

127LHR2023
1/1/20 - 6/30/23

SAP	REVENUE	BUDGET
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$5,600,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$5,600,000</u>

SAP	EXPENSES	BUDGET
500000	Full Time - Salaries	\$ 262,901
501000	Overtime	20,000
502000	Fringe Benefits	155,595
505000	Office Supplies	11,400
505200	Clothing Supplies	1,350
505800	Medical & Health Supplies	2,000
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	9,744
510100	Out of Area Travel	25,400
510200	Training and Education	1,500
517527	Belmont Hous Res WNY	4,975,185
516020	Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	79,139
516030	Maintenance Contracts	11,000
530000	Other Expenses	35,186
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	6,000
561420	Office Eqmt, Furniture & Fixtures	1,500
980000	ID DISS Services	<u>\$ 2,100</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$5,600,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County legislature hereby authorizes the transfer of one (1) existing Supervising Public Health Sanitarian position (B100 #11652) at the current job group as of January 1, 2020 from the 127LHRD1619 grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that where existing personnel are funded out of HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grants as additional HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes funding becomes available, those existing positions can carry over to future HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes grant years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a subcontract with Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. for the period 1/1/20 – 6/30/23 for the purposes of preparing work and bid specifications in homes to receive lead hazard reduction work and healthy housing interventions, awarding competitive bids for hazard reduction and healthy housing work, including labor and supply costs, to qualified contractors, and monitoring work progress and quality of contractors who are successful in receiving bids and coordinating and account for the matching contributions to the proposed work at participating homes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a subcontract with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to provide expertise in facilitating community awareness and involvement and matching funds for the provision of services for hazard reduction work, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program, through its partnership with Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. will receive matching contributions from Belmont Housing Resources of WNY, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo for hazard reduction work, healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work provided directly to participating property owners in Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program, through its partnership with Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc., and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs will make available healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work directly to participating property owners in the city of Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Lead Hazard Reduction (LHR) Program, through its partnership with the Erie County Department of Environment & Planning and the New York State Department of Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs will make available healthy housing interventions and minor rehab work directly to participating property owners in the city of Lackawanna; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the subcontracts with Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, Inc. and the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo are special services which must be provided immediately and continuously and therefore the RFP procedure required under Section 19.08 of the Erie County administrative Code is hereby waived; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust grant appropriations and revenues in accordance with the final grantor funding levels or grantor authorized changes to award amounts, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels and county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner in the Erie County Health Department, 9th Floor, Rath Building. (5-0)

3. COMM. 25E-13 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, According to the New York State Health Department, 39.7% of adults in New York State have a chronic disease such as arthritis, asthma, stroke, diabetes or cancer; and

WHEREAS, evidenced based Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME) programs have been proven effective in mitigating and reducing the severity of chronic conditions in participants; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) has made available grant funding to support capacity-building and sustainability activities for the CDSME suite of programs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Senior Services and it's co-applicant the Western New York Integrated Care Collaborative, Inc. (WNYICC) had submitted to the NYSOFA a work plan for improving the health of adults with chronic conditions in Western New York through evidenced based community health, wellness and disease prevention interventions; and

WHEREAS, NYSOFA has subsequently awarded the Department of Senior Services and it's sub-partner the WNYICC a three year \$180,000 Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME) grant for the period May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, no additional County funds are required as the grant is 100% funded by NYSOFA; and

WHEREAS, the funding will provide for significantly increasing the number of older adults and adults with disabilities in Erie County and throughout Western New York who participate in CDSME's to improve confidence in managing their chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding will also assist WNYICC in implementing innovative funding arrangements, including contracts and collaborations with one or more sustainability partners (such as insurance companies), to support evidence-based CDSME programs during and beyond the grant period, embedding such programs into federally defined integrated, sustainable evidence-based prevention program networks; and

WHEREAS, the Department's CDSME programs would then be eligible for reimbursement through the WNYICC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to contract with NYSOFA to accept \$180,000 of grant monies to assist with the State's CDSME expansion for the three year period May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to contract with the WNYICC Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$171,000, to perform the grant required CDSME services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be also authorized to contract with the WNYICC to receive reimbursement for eligible program participants of the Department's CDSME programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chronic Disease Self-Management Education grant 163CDSME1922 budget be established as follows:

REVENUES		INITIAL BUDGET
Account	Description	
414000	Federal Aid	<u>\$180,000</u>
APPROPRIATIONS		INITIAL BUDGET
516010	Cnt Pmts – Non Pro Pur	\$171,000
916390	ID Senior Srvs Grant	<u>9,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$180,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts and amendments with NYSOFA and WNYICC Inc. to effectuate adjusted funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenue which may be impacted by changes to grantor awards; and be it further

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

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4. COMM. 25E-14 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau predicts that older adults will outnumber children by 2035, a milestone Erie County will likely reach earlier as it has a higher percentage of older adults and a smaller percentage of children than the national average. As such, Erie County has been working diligently to making our community better equipped to manage this population transformation; and

WHEREAS, Erie County joined the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities in 2014. An Age-Friendly Community is one where local officials have committed to the types of changes that make communities more livable for people of all ages, especially older adults; and

WHEREAS, The Health Foundation of Western and Central New York issued a Request for Proposal, in conjunction with The New York State Office for the Aging and New York State Department of Health, to increase the number of Age Friendly Communities and create Centers of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Erie County is awarded this grant funding to work in conjunction with the IdEA Center to advance Age Friendly policy in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, although Erie County is already a recognized Age-Friendly Community, a significant amount of work can and still needs to be done to make our community a safe and healthy environment for people of all ages. Erie County has an opportunity to become an Age-Friendly Center for Excellence. This designation brings with it opportunities for Erie County officials to learn from and share with officials from other communities best practices and lessons learned; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the work Erie County plans to undertake in the short-term to become a more age-friendly community has been detailed in the Live Well Erie plan. The administration released Live Well Erie in September, with older adults one of the three population foci of the effort. The Live Well Erie plan is a cross-systems collaborative effort that incorporates collective impact methodology with results-based management. The older adult portion of Live Well Erie has three overarching goals: (1) Older adults will maintain an active and stimulating social life as they age; (2) Erie County will be accessible to people of all ages and physical abilities; and (3) Older adults will be able to maintain financial security throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required to allow the Department of Senior Services to accept funds awarded in this grant. These funds will be allocated for Out-of-Area Travel to allow Erie County employees to travel to educational and training opportunities needed to become a Center for Excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to accept the grant award from and enter into a contract with Health Foundation for Western & Central New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Age-Friendly Center for Excellence 163AFCE1921 grant, be established as follows:

Revenues		Initial Budget
Account	Description	
417060	Other Income Senior Services	<u>\$10,946</u>
Appropriations		Initial Budget
Account	Description	
510100	Out of Area Travel	<u>\$10,946</u>

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 grantor award; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the: County Executive, Office of the Comptroller, Division of Budget and Management, and the Department of Senior Services. (5-0)

5. COMM. 25E-18 (2019)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services issued three Request for Proposals (RFP) for anti-Poverty grants:

- RFP 1931VF: Live Well Initiatives
- RFP 1932VF: To Analyze Barriers to Adequate Housing in Erie County

and

WHEREAS, RFP 1931VF: Live Well Initiatives requested responses from qualified not-for-profit agencies to propose transformational projects that empower those living in or at risk of falling into poverty. Sixty-one responses were received, and the scoring committee has recommended fourteen projects; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended the Rural Outreach Center receive \$70,034 to establish a subsidized on-demand transportation with a ride-sharing company for its clients; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended Say Yes Buffalo receive \$39,000 to fund paid internship positions in the non-profit and public sector, and to fund summer professional development workshops for Say Yes Buffalo interns; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended EPIC – Every Person Influences Children (representing the WNY Human Services Collaborative) receive \$250,000 to renovate 26,000 square feet of space into individual agency and shared spaces for approximately ten partner agencies; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended Rental Assistance Corp. of Buffalo receive \$37,500 to develop a revolving security deposit program for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) to allow voucher holders to move into areas within Erie County with low poverty rates; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended Homespace Corp. receive \$102,753 to establish a “Mommy & Me” to provide real-world, normative experiences for mothers between 14-21 years old; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended St. Adalbert’s Response to Love Center receive \$59,117 for asbestos encapsulation and replacing the flooring, and IT services; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended Watermark Wesleyan Church (dba The Trading Post) receive \$63,480 for facility upgrades to its heating and cooling system, roof system, and windows; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended Western New York Women’s Foundation receive \$34,549.24 to promote childcare studies through promotional advertisements in radio and social media; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended Compeer West to receive \$96,693 to execute a pilot intervention where it matches older adults living in an adult residential facility and who have limited social interaction with trained, supported Compeer volunteers, who will meet with the individual to establish and maintain friendships; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended the Karen Society of Buffalo receive \$49,940 to purchase a 12-15 passenger vehicle, hire a part-time Program Coordinator, and provide program operating funds; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended Neighborhood Legal Services receive \$145,048 to launch its Justice Bus initiative in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Northtowns receive \$84,500 to renovate its kitchen to allow for Culinary Arts instruction; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended Peace of the City receive \$72,558 for seed money for the creation of a Workforce Continuum Director and Employment Mentor, and support increases in responsibilities for the Literacy Supervisor and Finance Manager; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended the Center for Elder Law & Justice receive \$89,600 to train attorneys how to better work with adults with developmental disabilities to better serve this population; and

WHEREAS, RFP 1932VF: To Analyze Barriers to Adequate Housing throughout Erie County requested responses from qualified consultants to provide recommendations for policy changes that can be made by County government that result in more residents living in adequate housing; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended Cornell in Buffalo receive \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, RFP 1946VF: Establish a Revolving Loan Fund Program requested responses from qualified not-for-profit agencies to establish a revolving loan fund that can be used to assist low-income Erie County residents with making small repairs to their homes. One response was received, and the scoring committee has recommended funding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the scoring committee has recommended Home Headquarters receive \$400,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the following agencies for the amount designated for the reasons specified above:

Agency	Amount
Rural Outreach Center	\$70,034
Say Yes Buffalo Scholarships, Inc.	\$39,000
EPIC – Every Person Influences Children	\$250,000
Rental Assistance Corp.	\$37,500
Homespace Corp.	\$102,753
Response to Love	\$59,117
Watermark Wesleyan Church/Trading Post	\$63,480
Western New York Women’s Foundation	\$34,549.24
Compeer West	\$96,693
Karen Society of Buffalo	\$49,940
Neighborhood Legal Services	\$145,048
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns	\$84,500
Peace of the City	\$72,558
Center for Elder Law & Justice	\$89,600
Cornell in Buffalo	\$50,000
Home Headquarters	\$400,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to re-appropriate 2019 remaining Poverty Initiatives balances into 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Director of Budget and Management to make the following 2019 Budget adjustments:

Fund 110 - Funds Center 1332010

Community Neighborhood Development

Account	Decrease
Expense	
516030 Poverty Initiatives	\$500,000

Fund 110 - Funds Center 120

Department of Social Services

Account	Increase
516030 Poverty Initiatives	\$500,000

and be it further

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

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**JOHN BRUSO
CHAIR**