



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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March 20, 2026

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Authorization to Accept donations from The Aliver Foundation and University of Rochester**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is seeking authorization to accept a donation of outdoor AED cabinets and AEDs from the Aliver Foundation for the purpose of providing and protecting AEDs from direct sunlight, cold temperatures, moisture, dust, tamper, and theft while ensuring 24/7 Public Access to Defibrillation for patrons and members of the community utilizing Erie County Park.

Further, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is seeking authorization to accept a donation of a public health honorarium from University of Rochester totaling \$500.00, as part of a public health STI conference.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact Commissioner of Health Gale Burstein. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

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cc: Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Health  
**Re:** Authorization to Accept donations from The Aliver Foundation and University of Rochester.  
**Date:** March 20, 2026

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### **SUMMARY**

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### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

ECDOH regularly seeks opportunities to make available potentially lifesaving medical supplies and equipment, such as AEDs, in locations of public access. ECDOH from time to time is offered such amenities as donations from outside organizations and foundations.

Further, ECDOH and ECDOH personnel regularly appear as part of presentations to the public on issues of public health, to wit, there are sometimes monetary donations of public health honorariums to Erie County.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

ECDOH will not be able to, without costs, place an AED cabinet and AED into Erie County Park to ensure access to defibrillation to the patrons of Erie County Park in the case of an emergency.

Further, ECDOH will not collect a public health honorarium, which is money that may be used to contribute to public health awareness.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

ECDOH will work with the Parks Department on placing and securing the AED cabinet and AED.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) regularly seeks opportunities to make available potentially lifesaving medical supplies and equipment, such as AEDs, in locations of public access; and

WHEREAS, ECDOH and ECDOH personnel regularly appear as part of presentations to the public on issues of public health, and are sometimes presented with monetary donations of public health honorariums to Erie County; and

WHEREAS, from time to time outside organizations and foundations may seek to donate to ECDOH potentially lifesaving medical supplies and equipment, such as AEDs, and public health honorariums; and

WHEREAS, ECDOH is seeking authorization to accept AED cabinets and AEDs from The Aliver Foundation, and a public health honorarium from University of Rochester for the above purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the Department of Health to accept a donation of AED cabinets and AEDs from The Aliver Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to accept a \$500 honorarium donation from the University of Rochester into the Department of Health's 2026 Adopted Budget, Fund 110, Fund Center 12700, Account 418430 – Donated Funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Department of Law, Department of Health and Division of Budget and Management.