



COUNTY OF ERIE
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 24, 2026

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Surplus Van Donation Authorization for The Arc Erie County New York

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department for the Aging requesting authorization to donate a surplus County van to local nonprofit agency, The Arc Erie County New York, to assist in their good work and provide transportation for their clients.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Randall Hoak at the Department for the Aging. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Randall Hoak, Commissioner, Erie County Department for the Aging

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department for the Aging
Re: Surplus Van Donation Authorization for The Arc Erie County New York
Date: April 24, 2026

SUMMARY

Approve the attached resolution from the Department for the Aging (Department) to donate a surplus County van to a local nonprofit agency, The ARC Erie County New York (ARC), to assist in their good work and provide transportation for their clients.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional County funds are required.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department has been receiving one to three new vans annually, through a federally funded program that passes through New York State. The program requires that vans cannot be retired until they have been utilized for at least (5) years or 150,000 miles. Vans that fit these criteria can be surplus. Currently, the Department has one 2018 Ford 12-passenger van that it no longer needs and desires to surplus.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ARC provides employment and community-based services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. ARC has expressed their need for a van to provide additional transportation for their clients who, under contract with the Department, provide home cleaning services to eligible seniors.

As service demand continues to grow, particularly in rural underserved areas of Erie County, transportation has become a limiting factor in ARC's ability to efficiently deploy staff to multiple client locations. The donation of a vehicle would allow them to transport employees safely and reliably, increase service frequency and geographic reach, and expand their capacity to meet the Department's current and future service needs.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department would not be able to effectively service eligible seniors who need home cleaning services, particularly in rural underserved areas of the County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department's surplus van will be donated to The ARC Erie County New York.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING

RE: Surplus Van Donation Authorization for The ARC Erie County New York

WHEREAS, from time to time, the County has surplus equipment or furnishings which are considered non-usable by the County and for which County Legislators have opportunities to partner with other governments or community and nonprofit agency partners to donate surplus items and assist local agencies in their good work and endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Arc Erie County New York (ARC) is a local nonprofit agency that primarily serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, ARC has expressed their need for a van to provide additional transportation for their clients who, under contract with the Department for the Aging (Department), provide home cleaning services for eligible seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Department has an unneeded 2018 Ford 12-passenger surplus “Going Places” van which is not being used by the County, and which is eligible for donation to a worthwhile and eligible community agency; and

WHEREAS, authorization of the Erie County Legislature is necessary to effectuate the transfer of Erie County property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the donation of the Department for the Aging’s 2018 Ford 12-passenger van (VIN# 1FBAX2XM8KKA79420) to The Arc Erie County New York at no cost; and be it further

RESOLVED, that once the transfer of the van takes place, ARC will take over all maintenance and care for the vehicle as the new owner and the County will bear no legal, liability, or other obligations for or associated with the van; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Aging and one certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive Office, Comptroller’s Office, Division of Purchasing, Division of Budget and Management and Division of Fleet Services.