



COUNTY OF ERIE

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April 24, 2026
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

RE: Acceptance of AmeriCorps Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grants

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Department for the Aging (Department) requesting authorization to accept two Corporation for National and Community Service - AmeriCorps Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grants, both for the period April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027. The grants for \$81,391 and \$162,500 of federal funding respectively, with a 20% local match, are continuations of prior Department grants that support recruiting older adult volunteers to assist not-for-profit entities throughout Erie County.

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mrc
Enclosure

cc: Randall Hoak, Commissioner, Department for the Aging

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department for the Aging
Re: Acceptance of AmeriCorps Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grants
Date: April 24, 2026

SUMMARY

The proposed resolution from the Department for the Aging (Department) requests authorization to accept two Corporation for National and Community Service - AmeriCorps Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grants, both for the period April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027. The grants for \$81,391 and \$162,500 of federal funding respectively, with a 20% local match, are continuations of prior Department grants that support recruiting older adult volunteers to assist not-for-profit entities throughout Erie County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Existing appropriations are available in the Department's General Fund Administrative & Support Cost Center (#1631010) and County share Grant account (#559000) to cover each grant's 20% local match amounts of \$20,348 and \$40,625 respectively.

The federal funding arrives in the form of two grants, due to the separate nature of the grantor's competitive application process and the initial federal award period of each of these new grants' predecessors. Furthermore, funding recipients are required to account for each grant separately.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This continuation of funding will support the Department's existing RSVP efforts to increase the number of older adult volunteers providing critical services to the broader community. These services may include caregiver respite support, delivering and/or preparing nutritious meals for home-delivered meals and congregate dining recipients, and providing transportation to appointments.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The President's proposed 2025-2026 federal government budget eliminated RSVP funding and as a result the Department did not include RSVP grants in its 2026 County Budget. Upon Congress's subsequent passage of the 2025-2026 federal government budget, RSVP funding was restored. The Corporation for National and Community Service then made this competitive grant opportunity available and approved the Department's plan for using the monies to continue our RSVP program. Erie County has held an AmeriCorps RSVP grant for over 50 years.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department would be unable to increase recruitment and retention of older adult volunteers at the level the community and local not-for-profit entities require.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Establish the budgets for both RSVP grants take steps necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives set forth in the grant applications.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING

RE: Acceptance of AmeriCorps Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grants

WHEREAS, the Department for the Aging (Department) applied for and was awarded \$81,391 and \$162,500 respectively, in competitive federal funding for two grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service AmeriCorps Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) to continue the RSVP in the Department; and

WHEREAS, these RSVP grant funds will be utilized for recruiting older adult volunteers to provide critical services to the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the \$81,391 in funding is for year three of a three-year grant award and is for the period April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the \$162,500 in funding is for year two of a three-year grant award and is also for the period April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, existing appropriations are available in the Department's General Fund Administrative & Support Cost Center (#1631010) and County share Grant account (#559000) to cover each grant's 20% local match of \$20,248 and \$40,625 respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with the Corporation for National and Community Service to accept \$81,391 in federal funds to be made available as a grant within the Department for the Aging (Fund 281, Funds Center 1632010) for the period April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, as follows:

Department for the Aging
Retired Senior Volunteer Program
163RSVP2627
4/1/26 – 3/31/27

REVENUES	BUDGET
414000 Federal Aid	\$ 81,391
479000 County Share Contribution	<u>\$ 20,348</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$101,739</u>
APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
505000 Office Supplies	\$ 100
505400 Food & Kitchen Supplies	\$ 2,391
510000 Local Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 3,500

510200 Training & Education	\$ 450
516020 Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	\$ 8,080
516030 Maintenance Contracts	\$ 400
530000 Other Expenses	\$ 3,244
555050 Insurance Premiums	\$ 2,000
916390 ID Senior Services Grants	\$ 79,574
980000 ID DISS Services	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$101,739</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorizes is hereby given for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with the Corporation for National and Community Service to accept \$162,500 in federal funds to be made available as a grant within the Department for the Aging (Fund 281, Funds Center 1632010) for the period April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, as follows:

Department for the Aging
Retired Senior Volunteer Program 2
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4/1/26 – 3/31/27

REVENUES	BUDGET
414000 Federal Aid	\$162,500
479000 County Share Contribution	<u>\$ 40,625</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$203,125</u>

APPROPRIATIONS	BUDGET
505400 Food & Kitchen Supplies	\$ 5,000
510000 Local Mileage Reimbursement	\$ 23,488
510100 Out of Area Travel	\$ 1,000
510200 Training & Education	\$ 1,550
516020 Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	\$ 32,188
516030 Maintenance Contracts	\$ 500
530000 Other Expenses	\$ 10,307
555050 Insurance Premiums	\$ 4,000
916390 ID Senior Services Grants	\$118,092
980000 ID DISS Services	<u>\$ 7,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$203,125</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to adjust grant appropriations and revenues, including those required to

comply with the grantor funding changes, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extension that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that 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 be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management, and the Department for the Aging.