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America's Greatest Chicken Wing Party



The Wingfest will not physically take place at Sahlen Field this year out of an abundance of caution due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The National Buffalo Wing Festival will pivot in 2020 and grow into a nationwide celebration of Buffalo, New York's most iconic food – “America's Greatest Chicken Wing Party” – that will serve as a fundraiser for Food Banks in more than 50 major cities across the United States. The new concept will take place in October as part of the newly created “National Chick-

en Wing Month,” according to Drew Cerza, founder of the festival.

The Wingfest, which has been held every Labor Day weekend in Downtown Buffalo since 2002, will not physically take place this year at Sahlen Field out of an abundance of caution due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, festival organizers will coordinate with chicken wing fans and

Buffalo expats from across the United States to host chicken wing parties in major U.S. cities that have a total population of more than 160 million people during October.

Since its founding, the Wingfest has raised approximately \$400,000 for local charities with most going to hunger relief agencies like FeedMore WNY (formerly *Continued on page four.*

National Fuel Warns of Collections Scam

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (National Fuel) is warning customers of a recent collections scam. Scammers, posing as National Fuel representatives, are contacting customers and stating that the customer has 45 minutes to pay their bill or service will be disconnected. Customers are reminded that National Fuel DOES NOT disconnect gas service without following its proper collections procedures, including multiple attempts to contact customers via the mail, phone, or in the field.

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- National Fuel employees DO NOT visit customers' homes to view their gas bills, to ask them to sign any sort of agreement, or *Continued on page six.*

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Ex Sabre Robin Lehner Shines in NHL Playoffs

For Robin Lehner the 2020 NHL playoffs have become the latest show-place for his elite goaltending skills. He was chosen by the las Vegas Golden Knights as their playoff starter in the nets over three time Stanley Cup champion Marc-Andre Fleury. Lehner has started all but two of the Golden Knights' playoff games and has put the club one win from their second trip to the Western Conference Final in three seasons.

Vegas coach Peter De-Boer said he planned on rotating between Lehner and Marc-Andre Fleury in the playoffs but that hasn't happened. Lehner has played 10 of 12 play-off games for the Golden Knights, winning seven and posting a 2.08 GAA and 0.918 save percentage with two shutouts, both coming in the current series against the Vancouver Canucks. Lehner and the Knight lead the series three games to two.

Lehner was traded from Chicago to Vegas just before the trade deadline. He got off to a hot start with Vegas before the NHL paused the season on March 12th, going 3-0-0 with a 1.67 GAA and a .940 save percentage. He was 16-10-5 as a Hawk in the 2019-20 regular season with a 3.01 goals-

against average and a .918 save percentage before the trade.

Despite being a strong performer in Buffalo, finishing 20th in NHL save percentage for a team that surrendered the most shots on goal in the league, the Sabres declined to offer Lehner a contract and he became a free agent in the 2018 off season. Lehner then signed a one year contract with the New York Islanders and his career took off.

He was a finalist for the Vezina trophy as the best NHL goalie. His .930

save percentage was single season franchise record. He won a career high 25 games, recorded a 2.13 goals-against average and had six shutouts. He and his partner in the nets Thomas Greiss won the Jennings trophy as the for the lowest team GAA. He also won the Bill Masterton awarded annually to the player who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship, and dedication to ice hockey. In spite of his success the league engraved the trophy with the wrong team, reading "Robin Lehner, New York Rangers."

After failing to reach an agreement for a second season the Islanders, Lehner signed a one year contract for \$5 million with the Blackhawks as a free agent on July 1. He led the NHL in save percentage for much of the first half and finished tied for ninth blocking 92% of the shots he faced.



Robin Lehner Las Vegas Golden Knights.

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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo
August 30, 2020
Hertel Avenue – Victim reported to officers, while intoxicated on Hertel Avenue, that she lost her keys to her vehicle. Victim cannot remember where she parked her vehicle near Hertel and North Park. Victim filed for UUV after she could not find either keys or her vehicle throughout the day.

Riverside
August 31, 2020
Center Lane – Victim states unknown person(s) did take debit card and did use it at 7-11 (Ontario St. \$11.71,) 7-11 (Elmwood Avenue \$8.81,) then again at 7-11 (Elmwood Avenue \$34.95,) and Wegman's (\$736.41.) Victim states she did not give anyone permission to use her card. Total value \$791.88.

August 30, 2020
Philadelphia Street – Mother reports that her husband took her son fishing at Unity Island. He contacted her saying he was on his way home. Last 2 PR hit shows vehicle going towards Tonawanda northbound on Niagara Street. Complainant states she believes he was lost trying to get home. He doesn't know his way around.

August 30, 2020
Austin Street – Victim #1 did report that unknown suspect did enter his front door dwelling forcibly by means unknown and did cause damage to his front dwelling door. Once inside said dwelling, one of the suspects did fire (1) round at victim #1 and victim #2's pitbull dog striking dog in the face. Victim #2 did exit his bedroom and did observe two male suspects in the dining room. Victim #2 reports one of the male suspects did throw him to the ground then asked him, "Where's the money?" Victim #2 replied. "I don't know." Suspect #3, male, then did enter the dining room from the hallway off of the front door. Victim #2 reports suspect #1 then did push the front bedroom door

open (off the living room) and did grab victim #1 by the back of the shirt then did punch victim #1 in the face multiple times causing pain, swelling, lacerations and bleeding. Suspect #1 then did throw victim #1 to the ground and did kick victim #1 in the stomach multiple times causing pain. Suspect #1 then did go into victim #1's bedroom and did steal \$9,000.00 in cash from a blue bag in the closet and a SONY Playstation 4. Suspects then did flee in a black SUV in an unknown direction. Victim #1 was taken to ECMC by AMR. Animal control did arrive and take dog for medical treatment. Photo and evidence and GUV detectives arrived on scene. Victim #2 reported all suspects were armed with pistols.

August 29, 2020
Ontario Street – The complainant reports that the suspect did set fire to the complainant's clothing on the front lawn causing approximately \$500.00 in damages. There is video of the incident posted on Face Book Live where the complainant can identify his clothing being burned. DIR completed. The complainant also reports that the suspect spit on him during a verbal altercation.

West Side
August 30, 2020
Elmwood Avenue – Complainant stated to officers upon arrival that suspect did take complainant's phone that's worth about \$250.00 and used her bank card to make purchases without permission that totaled up to \$2,000.00. Complainant stated that this occurred while she was spending the night at the suspects apartment. Complainant stated that she notified her bank and were asked to get a report done.

August 30, 2020
Niagara Street – Victim states two unknown males did assault him causing bruising to his head and laceration to upper lip and did attempt to take his

wallet. Suspect left in vehicle. Incident is related to another assault. Victim refused ADI. Video can be obtained at store.

August 30, 2020
Auburn Street at Grant Street – While at Auburn and Grant, the victim states unknown male did approach him and did punch him in the face, causing laceration to the right side of the victim's lip. The suspect then took \$410.00 from the complainant then fled southbound on Grant Street on a bicycle. Victim was treated at scene and transported to Buffalo General by AMR. Victim did not know English. Report taken with use of translator.

August 30, 2020
Niagara Street – Complainant states unknown male did enter his residence by punching through the front door, destroying the door and frame. While inside, defendant did repeatedly push victim to the ground. Victim is complainant's pregnant wife and suffered abdominal pain.

August 30, 2020
Breckenridge at Dewitt Streets - While at Breckenridge and Dewitt, defendant was observed by responding officers using a tazer towards two females and attempting to taze both. Officers also observed young female juvenile running away screaming and in tears. Defendant did then continue even after being detained to threaten harm to victim and did so in front of her child. Tazer recovered and submitted. Domestic incident report completed and child protection services contacted.

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The answers will be in next week's Rocket
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1 Place for pampering
4 Bedouins
9 Gasoline stat
12 Samovar
13 Actress Zellweger
14 A billion years
15 Update
17 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
18 Young fellow
19 Shun
21 Feast alternative
24 — land (spaced-out site)
25 Eggs
26 Attempt
28 Paul or Lloyd of baseball lore
31 Gear teeth
33 Collection
35 Go off the board
36 Central
38 Turf
40 Londoner's last letter
41 Reverberate
43 Hourglasses, e.g.
45 Common condiment (Var.)
47 Historic period
48 Boxing legend
49 Spellbind

DOWN

1 Total
2 In favor of
3 Moreover
4 Extreme
5 Furnishes
6 Blackbird
7 Gem facet
8 Playground fixture
9 Replace personnel with robots
10 Pontiff
11 Chew like chipmunks
16 Impudent
16 Inventor Whitney
20 Dressed
21 Central points
22 Shakespeare's river
23 Make attractive
27 Indeed
29 Always
30 Cincinnati team
32 Moments, for short
34 Re clan emblems
37 Compass points
39 In a catastrophic way
42 "The Phantom of the —"
44 Scratch
45 Vena —
46 Settled down
50 Old French coin
51 Altar affirmative
52 Energy
53 Med. specialty

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Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bartz

Labor Day 2020, End of Summer

Traditionally Labor Day is the official end of summer. What a summer is has been. Just in case you did not know it, 2020 had the second warmest summer in our history. Average temperature was 73 degrees which I believe takes in the day and night readings. If you have been here for the last three months, and you had to be as you are not allowed to go anywhere, you know we have had really nice weather. Mostly in the eighties during the day and fairly cool at night. We hit the nineties a few times but it was seldom uncomfortably hot. Some may have been a little warm but overall the weather has been good to us in a time when we needed to spend a lot of

time outdoors. How many times do we remember cold and wet summers when we lusted for a sunshiny day? We had plenty of those this summer. Probably a record number of back yard cookouts, courtesy of the pandemic.

This could also be considered the worst summer as far as just living through it. The whole world has been hit by this terrible Colvid 19 and has affected all of our lives. Things have changed for everyone, no one has escaped the ramifications that the virus has caused. It has been so bad there are doubts we will ever return to the life we knew before it hit, just months ago. Lock down and layoffs were not only needed but demanded.

People were not allowed to leave their homes for weeks at a time. Not even to go grocery shopping. For some reason toilet paper and paper products became a non existing commodity. Online business thrived as the only way to get anything was to order online and have it delivered. You could not go out to eat as all restaurants were closed completely. Soon they developed a system of pick-up and delivery only. At least it kept them alive and a few people working.

Some people took the threat more seriously than others. The paranoid ones, no one was allowed in their house no matter what and no way would they leave. Everything was done online. Others took it as just another bump in the road. Try to do what they tell you and live with it. Like any other time in our history, we adjusted to the circumstances. As I said before the nice weather allowed us to eat outdoors. Restaurants with existing patios were opened first with outdoor seating only. Huge tents popped up at some of the bigger restaurants to accommodate eager patrons anxious to leave their homes and eat out. Again we thank the Lord for the good weather. The sun shone bright on a world



A three day weekend and the unofficial end of summer is certainly cause to have a backyard cookout.

in drowning in gloom and doom. It was still tough for the restaurant business and some will never open again. The world will change.

It is unfortunate that this wonderful summer weather could not be enjoyed to its fullest. Public swimming pools were closed and so were the beaches. Travel to anywhere was restricted. We could not even cross the bridge to Canada. That has never happened in my lifetime. We got a taste of what freedoms we had and the ability to just go anywhere anytime. Even crossing state lines had its demands.

No one knows what the future will bring. Sports are not as we knew it. Mov-

ies and entertainment is not as we knew it. Employment is not as we knew it. The Government has made it easier to get through the financial crisis the virus has caused but that will end and someone will have to pay the bill. What we reap today we will need to pay for tomorrow. There is light at the end of the tunnel but it is to be seen how bright it will shine. The world has been tarnished, not just here, not just this country but almost everywhere. It is going to take some time to recover when this is over but we will adjust.

Have a good and safe Labor day and remember it is always darkest before the dawn.



Have a Safe
and Happy
Labor Day
Weekend !



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From Assembly Member
Crystal Peoples-Stokes

America's Greatest Chicken Wing Party

From page one.

the Food Bank and Meals on Wheels). These chicken wing parties will allow the festival's fundraising efforts to expand nationwide at a time of critical need for Food Banks. The parties will also focus on boosting business at chicken wing eateries across the country, of which many are struggling during the pandemic.

Buffalo Bills Backers Fan Clubs in each city will kick off the month on October 4th by hosting watch parties at their favorite restaurants and bars during the Buffalo Bills vs Las Vegas Raiders game. Each wing party will serve as a fundraiser for the local Food Bank in that city, Cerza said.

Throughout October, Americans are then encouraged to host their own wing eating gatherings as professional or college football watch parties at their favorite restaurants and bars or at their home and post their images to social media using the hashtag #wingparty2020. Every party that registers will be entered into a contest to attend the 2021 Wingfest as VIP judges. Attendees will be asked to put together some money and create a donation for their local Food Bank. All

participants will be asked to adhere to the COVID-19 public health guidelines in place in their respective communities.

"This is an unprecedented reimagining of an American food festival. No other such event has ever attempted something like this before," Cerza said. "For years, I've heard from Wingfest attendees from across the United States who wanted us to bring a celebration of wings to their hometown. This year, we're doing just that – all while raising money for a great cause."

Del Reid, Bills Mafia co-founder, said he was excited to mobilize the Buffalo Bills Backers Clubs and the "Bills Mafia" – expats who retain a strong affinity and enthusiasm for Buffalo and now live across the United States – for America's Greatest Chicken Wing Party.

"Buffalonians are always eager to step up and help out," Reid said. "We're excited to get together and feast on our favorite food from our hometown this fall for a great cause."

Tara A. Ellis, President and CEO of FeedMore WNY, the hunger-relief organization formed by the merger

of the Food Bank of WNY and Meals on Wheels for WNY, said she is thrilled to work with other food banks across the United States to turn America's Greatest Chicken Wing Party into a nationwide fundraiser. According to Feeding America, one in six people throughout the nation may experience food insecurity in 2020 as a result of the pandemic. FeedMore WNY has seen the need for food assistance surge throughout its service area of Cattaraugus, Chautauque, Erie and Niagara counties in recent months, where the food insecurity rate is expected to increase by 44 percent in 2020.

"This is such a creative way to celebrate Buffalo and to keep the much-loved National Wing Festival alive during these historic and unprecedented times," Ellis said. "The Wingfest has been an outstanding partner to our organization over the last two decades, and we're thrilled to have found a way to continue building on that relationship at a time when our organization – and those like ours across the country – need help the most."

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Dear Rusty: My question is about benefits and getting married. I am a retired man, 65-years-old, and collecting Social Security plus 2 pensions. My girlfriend will turn 62 in October of 2020 and plans to apply for Social Security benefits on her 62nd birthday. If we were to get married, would we be affected money wise? Or should we just live together? Signed: *Contemplating Marriage*

Dear Contemplating Marriage: Your own Social Security benefit will not be affected in any way if you get married, unless your potential new bride is a very high earner and her Social Security entitlement at her full retirement age (which is 66 years and 8 months) is more than twice the full benefit amount you were entitled to at your full retirement age (even though

you claimed your SS earlier). In that case, you would become eligible for a spousal benefit from your new wife after you are married for one year.

If, however, your potential bride is the lower earner and claims at 62 but is entitled to a Social Security benefit at her full retirement age (FRA) that is less than 50% of your FRA benefit amount, your new wife may be entitled to a "spousal boost" from you after you are married for a year. I cannot tell you the answer to those questions without knowing your respective benefit amounts at each of your full retirement ages.

You may also wish to consider potential survivor benefits. If you are married and one spouse dies, the surviving spouse is entitled to 100% of the amount the deceased

spouse was collecting at their death, if the surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (otherwise the survivor benefit is reduced for claiming it early). The surviving spouse gets the survivor benefit if that benefit is more than they are entitled to on their own.

In any case, neither of you would be eligible for a Social Security spousal benefit or survivor benefit from the other unless you are married (you must be married for at least one year to get a spousal benefit and at least 9 months for a survivor benefit).

Note that so-called "common law" marriage isn't recognized in most U.S. states, and Social Security goes by state law on that topic. The only states which currently recognize common law marriage are Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas, and Utah (and the District of Columbia). So, unless you were to live in one of those states, or in D.C., cohabitating would not be considered a "marriage" for the purposes of Social Security benefits, and no spousal or survivor benefits would be available to either of you.

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National Fuel Warns of Collections Scam

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): M and M Properties ADK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on July 27, 2020. Office location is Erie County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served upon him/her to 334 Roat Drive, Angola, NY 14006. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. 37

NOTICE OF FORMATION - Curry Cares LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on July 22nd, 2020. Its office located in Erie County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served and a copy of any process shall be mailed to Curry Cares LLC C/O Yalanda Curry 136 Carmen Road, Amherst, NY 14226. 41

Notice of Formation of OHBDE-SIGNS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/25/20. Office location: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: OSCAR EDUARDO HIDALGO BALAREZO, 17 CUSTER STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14214. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 41

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City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
Request for Proposal

The City of Buffalo ("City"), through the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency ("BURA"), is seeking proposals through the federal **HOME Investment Partnership Program** to assist in the development of affordable housing projects in the City of Buffalo. Through this program, activities have been undertaken to enhance ongoing neighborhood revitalization efforts. For the funding period covered by this application the City will assess proposals received that address the goals outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan.

Applicants must be incorporated for-profit or non-profit entities to undertake affordable housing activities within the boundaries of the City of Buffalo.

It is the policy of BURA, that all local Minority/Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE's) be encouraged to submit proposals. BURA continues to ensure that all locally owned M/WBE's are afforded the maximum opportunity to participate as Applicants or Sub-Applicants in the provision of goods and services for BURA. BURA encourages the award of at least thirty percent (30%) of the total dollar value of this project directly or indirectly to M/WBE's.

Proposal Submission Deadline: September 25 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Request for Proposal submissions are due to:

Yvonne C. McCray, Director of Housing
City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
65 Niagara Square
Room-920 City Hall
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

RE: City of Buffalo HOME Investment Partnership Program RFP Submission (No. 2020-2H)

A full copy of the Request for Proposal can be picked up in 315 City Hall or 920 City Hall, 65 Niagara Square Buffalo NY 14202, the Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo NY 14203 and <http://www.city-buffalo.com/Bura-Bids> or <http://www.city-buffalo.com/bids> .

City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
Request for Proposal

SUMMARY INTRODUCTION: The City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) is seeking submittals from qualified Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to participate in the Buffalo Community Partnerships Initiative (CPI) and/ or Homeowner Mortgage Counseling Programs for the City of Buffalo. The overall goal of these initiatives is to build and sustain healthy and stable neighborhoods, create affordable housing rehabilitation opportunities, sustain quality affordable homeownership, and address neighborhood quality of life issues. This program will be funded with HUD CDBG and CDBG-CV funds and is a continuation of the existing housing program offerings. However, as part of BURA's restorative response to the COVID-19 pandemic, BURA is allocating additional resources to this program to help increase low income housing stability and affordability in Buffalo.

All organizations interested in applying to provide programs and services must meet the requirements specified in this Request for Proposals (RFP). Respondents must have qualified staff on hand for this program and be ready to begin work on the anticipated contract start-up date of October 1, 2020. It is anticipated that a minimum of 2 to 4 administrators will be selected to work on a prepared scope of services. Additional program and activity benchmarks, specific to geographic priority areas, will be negotiated upon the award of the contracts to the selected organizations.

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Proposal Submission Deadline: POSTMARKED by September 17, 2020

Request for Proposal submissions are due are due by mail to:

Yvonne C. McCray, Director of Housing
City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
65 Niagara Square
Room-920 City Hall
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

RE: City of Buffalo/Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency – Buffalo Community Partnerships Initiative (CPI) and/ or Homeowner Mortgage Counseling Programs RFP Submission (No. 2020-1CPI/MC)

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City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
Request for Proposal

The City of Buffalo ("City"), through the Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency ("BURA"), is seeking proposals through the federal **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV)** to support fair housing in the City of Buffalo. Through this program, activities have been undertaken for tenant empowerment and landlord education on fair housing related issues in order to guarantee equal access to housing. For the funding period covered by this application the City will assess proposals received that address the goals outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan. As part of City's restorative response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City is allocating additional resources to support fair housing to help increase housing equality, stability, and affordability in Buffalo.

Applicants must be incorporated non-profit entities to undertake fair housing activities within the boundaries of the City of Buffalo. It is the policy of BURA, that all local Minority/Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE's) be encouraged to submit proposals. BURA continues to ensure that all locally owned M/WBE's are afforded the maximum opportunity to participate as Applicants or Sub-Applicants in the provision of goods and services for BURA. BURA encourages the award of at least thirty percent (30%) of the total dollar value of this project directly or indirectly to M/WBE's.

Proposal Submission Deadline: POSTMARKED by September 15, 2020

Request for Proposal submissions are due by mail to:

Yvonne C. McCray, Director of Housing
City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
65 Niagara Square
Room-920 City Hall
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

RE: City of Buffalo Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Fair Housing RFP Submission (No. 2020-1FH)

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City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
Request for Proposal

The City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) is seeking submittals from qualified Weatherization Providers (PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR) to participate in the Buffalo Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for the City of Buffalo. The overall goal of this initiative is to reduce energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, while ensuring resident health, safety and affordability. This program will be funded with HUD CDBG and CDBG-CV funds and is a continuation of the existing WAP program. However, as part of BURA's restorative response to the COVID-19 pandemic, BURA is allocating additional resources to this program to help increase low income housing stability and affordability in Buffalo.

All organizations interested in applying to provide programs and services must meet the requirements specified in this Request for Proposals (RFP). Respondents must have qualified staff on hand for this program and be ready to begin work on the anticipated contract start-up date of October 1, 2020. It is anticipated that a minimum of 1 to 2 administrators will be selected to work on a prepared scope of services. Additional program and activity benchmarks, specific to geographic priority areas, will be negotiated upon the award of the contracts to the selected organizations.

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Proposal Submission Deadline: POSTMARKED by September 16, 2020

Request for Proposal submissions are due are due by mail to:

Yvonne C. McCray, Director of Housing
City of Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency
65 Niagara Square
Room-920 City Hall
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

RE: City of Buffalo/Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency – Weatherization Assistance Program RFP Submission (No. 2020-1WAP)

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