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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 31, 2012

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street - Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Authorization to Accept Efficiency Grant Funds for Fleet Vehicles
Immediate Consideration Requested

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (ECFSA) has approved an efficiency grant at their October 26, 2012 meeting supporting the replacement of dump trucks/plows and mowers/tractors in the Department of Public Works and a cargo van for the Department of Emergency Services. The attached resolution seeks approval from your Honorable Body to accept these funds.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact John Loffredo, Commissioner of Public Works and Daniel Neaverth, Jr., Commissioner of Emergency Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/tcc
Attachment

MEMORANDUM

To:	Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From:	Department of Public Works / Department of Emergency Services
Re:	Authorization to Accept Efficiency Grant Funds for Fleet Vehicles
Date:	October 31, 2012

SUMMARY

This resolution seeks approval to accept efficiency grant funds from the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (ECFSA) for the replacement of vehicles.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no cost to the County.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Erie County has applied for and received an efficiency grant from the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority to replace dump trucks/plows and mowers/tractors in the Department of Public Works and a cargo van for the Department of Emergency Services. These new vehicles are needed to begin the replacement of an aging fleet that is inefficient.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

An efficiency grant request was prepared and presented to the ECFSA. At the October 26, 2012 session of the ECFSA, via Resolution No. 12-15, approval was secured and funds awarded. A copy of the ECFSA resolution is attached.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Erie County will not be able to accept these funds and proceed with operational efficiencies.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The appropriate accounting entries will be made to accept the funds from the ECFSA and the respective departments will work with the Division of Purchase to bid and purchase the necessary vehicles.

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

RE: Authorization to Accept Efficiency Grant Funds for Fleet Vehicles

WHEREAS, Erie County has undertaken an extensive review of the Erie County fleet and found it to be aging and inefficient; and

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded an efficiency grant from the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (ECFSA) to fund replacement of some of the vehicles in the fleet; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 12-15, dated October 26, 2012, ECFSA approved funding in the amount of $1,427,300 to fund the purchase of dump trucks/plows and mowers/tractors for the Department of Public Works and the purchase of one cargo van for the Department of Emergency Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to accept additional efficiency grant funds in the amount of $1,427,300 from ECFSA to fund replacement vehicles for the Departments of Public Works and Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that updates will be submitted to the Legislature and ECFSA that summarize the progress of this initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management and Erie County Comptroller are hereby authorized to make any budget and accounting adjustments required to accept efficiency grant funds as outlined above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Department of Public Works, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority, the Office of the County Comptroller, the Director of Budget and Management, and the Office of the County Attorney.

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

Resolution No. 12-15

APPROVING AN EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR COUNTY VEHICLES

WHEREAS, Chapter 182 of the New York Laws of 2005 created the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority ("ECFSA") to serve as a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York, and as a public benefit corporation to "oversee [Erie] County's budget, financial and capital plans; to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to achieve budgetary savings and to finance short-term cash flow or capital needs; and, if necessary, to develop financial plans on behalf of the County if the County is unwilling or unable to take the required steps toward fiscal stability;" and

WHEREAS, Section 3957-a of the New York State Public Authorities Law ("Public Authorities Law") provides that, subject to appropriations during State fiscal years 2006-07 through 2010-11, the ECFSA shall provide grants to the County of Erie (the "County") to support activities that achieve savings through innovations and reengineering; and

WHEREAS, the County Comptroller submitted an application for an efficiency grant to fund vehicle and heavy equipment purchases intended to result in savings (the "Application"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ECFSA hereby grants up to $ 1,427,300 to Erie County in accordance with the Application, with the following restrictions: that those funds be used to purchase vehicles and heavy equipment to create efficiencies, pursuant to the Application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of this efficiency grant is contingent upon the County's adherence to its legislative process of accepting the grant, within 60 days after ECFSA approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ECFSA approval of this grant shall be deemed to be rescinded without further action or notice if the County's legislative acceptance process is not completed within 60 days after adoption of this ECFSA resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the source of efficiency grant funding for this item is to derive from the previously approved, but not drawn down, $1,260,726 "thin client" technology grants and $166,574 from the previously approved, but not drawn down "Six Sigma" grant with it being understood that the County consents to dollar for dollar reduction in the ECFSA's "thin client" technology grants and "Six Sigma" grant for funds provided to the County pursuant to the Application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECFSA Executive Director send, via first-class mail, copies of this resolution to the County Executive; the County Comptroller; the Chair, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the Clerk of the County Legislature; and the Governor, the State Comptroller, the State Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the State Assembly, the Director of the State Budget, the Chair of the State Senate Finance Committee, and the Chair of the State Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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James Sampson
Chairman

Date: October 26, 2012