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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 26, 2012

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

Re: Acceptance of FY12 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Funds

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept $1,313,000.00 in funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Fiscal Year 2012 for the Department of Emergency Services.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Dan Neaverth Jr. at the Department of Emergency Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: "Department of Emergency Services"
Re: Acceptance of FY12 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Funds
Date: October 19, 2012

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature approve the attached resolution for the Fiscal Year 2012 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant that will authorize the County Executive to enter into contract to receive $1,313,000.00 in Federal Assistance.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact on the county operating budget. Said grant is 100% reimbursed.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to manage expenditures for $1,313,000.00 in Department of Homeland Security funds and utilize the funds to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As a result of existing threats to homeland security, the federal government through various State agencies has allocated funds to be utilized to improve the ability of local governments to deal effectively with emergency and disaster situations. There is a need for Erie County to enhance its ability to manage emergency and disaster situations.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without this Legislation the SHSP Fiscal Year 2012contract will not be signed, the funding will not be received for the Department of Emergency Services and the original purpose of what these funds were intended to be utilized to enhance the ability to respond to emergency and disaster related incidents will not be completed.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will sign the contract, the $1,313,000.00 in Homeland Security grant funds will be received, and the Department of Emergency Services will fulfill its requirements.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
"DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES"

RE: Acceptance of FY12 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Funds

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of $1,313,000.00 in federal assistance to continue the implementation of a program to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contact and accept $1,313,000.00 in federal resources to provide funding for personnel and the purchase of necessary equipment to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract with the Federal Government and the NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive $1,313,000.00 in grant funding for the Department of Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, these funds will be utilized to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding in the Grant Fund 281, as follows:

Erie County Department of Emergency Services
FY 2012 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)

Revenue	**Increase**
Account 414000 Federal Aid	$1,313,000.00
Appropriations	**Increase**
Account 500000 Full Time Salaries	$347,285.00
Account 502000 Fringe Benefits	168,513.00
Account 516020 Professional Contracts & Fees	58,203.00
Account 561410 Equipment (Lab & Tech)	314,804.00
Account 510100 Travel	30,000.00
Account 516030 Maintenance Contracts	394,195.00
Total Appropriations	1,313,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to transfer currently budgeted positions from existing Department of Emergency Services Homeland Security grants to SHSP FY 2012 as required to maintain public safety services to Erie County residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with State and Federal approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the Department of Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.