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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 19, 2013

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Acceptance of Round 2 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept \$830,405 in funding from the State of New York.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb  
Enclosure

cc: Dan Neaverth Jr., Department of Emergency Service

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Emergency Services  
**Re:** Acceptance of Round 2 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant  
**Date:** March 19, 2013

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### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature approve the attached resolution for the Round 2 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant that will authorize the County Executive to enter into contract to receive \$830,405 in State 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 \$803,405 in NYS 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, New York State has allocated funds to be utilized to improve the ability of local governments to deal effectively with emergency and disaster situations. These funds are provided to facilitate the development, consolidation and/or improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders in Erie County.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without this Legislation the Round 2 Statewide Interoperable Communications grant contract 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 will not be completed.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The County Executive will sign the contract, the \$830,405 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 Round 2 Statewide  
Interoperable Communications Grant**

**WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$830,405 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 \$830,405 in state resources to provide funding to purchase the 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 NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive \$830,405 in grant funding for the Department of Emergency Services; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this grant, under the Department of Emergency Services, will meet the goals and objectives; 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  
Round 2 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Account 409000 State Aid	\$830,405
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Account 561410 Lab & Tech Equipment	<u>\$830,405</u>
Total Appropriations	\$830,405

**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 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.**