



# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 16, 2014

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

**Re: Acceptance of FY 2013 Tactical Team Grant Program**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept \$100,000.00 in funding from the State of New York.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner 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/mc  
Enclosure

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Emergency Services  
**Re:** Acceptance of FY 2013 Tactical Team Grant Program  
**Date:** January 13, 2014

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### **SUMMARY**

The Department of Emergency Services seeks authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract to accept \$100,000 in funding from the State of New York for the FY 2013 Tactical Team Grant Program.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Emergency Services will manage expenditures for \$100,000 to improve and develop tactical team capabilities through equipment, training, exercise and planning projects that support counter terrorism missions within Erie County. This grant is a partnership with the Erie County Sheriff, City of Buffalo and the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA).

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

As a result of 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 improve and develop tactical team capabilities through equipment, training, exercise and planning projects that support counter terrorism missions within Erie County.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without this Legislation the FY 2013 Tactical Team 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 \$100,000 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 FY 2013 Tactical Team Grant Program**

**WHEREAS**, the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$100,000 in federal assistance to improve and develop tactical team capabilities through equipment, training, exercise and planning projects that support counter terrorism missions in Erie County; and

**WHEREAS**, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contact and accept \$100,000 in state resources to provide funding to purchase the necessary equipment, provide training and exercise what is learned to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations as well as improve tactical team capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Emergency Services will work with the Erie County Sheriff's Office, the City of Buffalo and the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) as this is a partnership grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract with the NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive \$100,000.00 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, as well as improve tactical team capabilities; 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 2013 Tactical Team Grant

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Account 409000 State Aid	\$100,000.00
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Account 510200 Training & Education	\$42,500.00
Account 561410 Equipment (Lab & Tech)	<u>\$57,500.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$100,000.00

**AND IT BE 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.