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January 25, 1999

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
25 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202

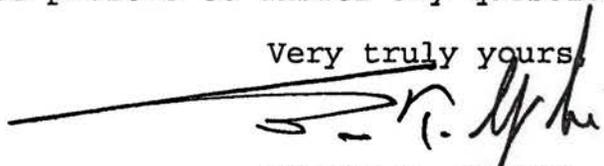
Re: New York State Department of Labor
Occupational Safety & Health Hazard Abatement Board
Grant Application -- \$115,000.00

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning pertaining to a Grant Application under the New York Occupational Safety and Health Hazard Abatement Board.

Please refer this matter to the Energy and Environment Committee. A representative of the Department of Environment and Planning will be present to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,



DENNIS T. GORSKI
County Executive

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RICHARD M. TOBE
COMMISSIONER

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County Hall
25 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: New York State Department of Labor
Occupational Safety & Health Hazard Abatement Board
Grant Application -- \$115,000.00

Honorable Member:

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adoption of a resolution ratifying an application to the New York State Department of Labor - New York Occupational Safety Hazard Abatement Board and approving an agreement to accept a grant in the estimated amount of \$115,000.00. This program provides grants to assist municipalities in conducting health and safety programs for employees.

II. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This particular action will have no effect on the County's General Fund. However, if a grant is received, it will reduce the Sewer Districts' future expenditures by an equivalent amount of the grant.

III. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) has made application to the State Department of Labor (DOL) for a training grant to augment its employee safety program and to meet the mandated requirements of OSHA and the State DOL.

IV. BACKGROUND

In recent years, both OSHA and the State DOL have mandated numerous programs to provide training and to protect the health and welfare of municipal workers. The DSM initiated a heightened training program to match these requirements. In an effort to reduce the cost to the Sewer Districts, applications for funding were made under this program and subsequent grants of \$70,000.00, \$65,000.00, and \$35,000.00 were awarded on March 16, 1993, July 6, 1994 and August 23, 1995, respectfully.

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In an effort to continue financing the cost of this mandated training, the DSM has again prepared a grant application under the State DOL Program.

V. STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

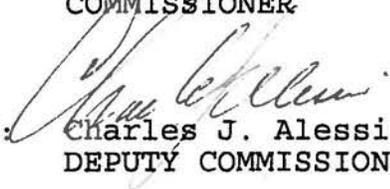
The Department of Environment and Planning, Division of Sewerage Management, will prepare the needed documents for execution by the County Executive. If a grant offer is made, acceptance of the grant will also be processed.

Please refer this item to the Energy and Environment Committee.

Very truly yours,



Richard M. Tobe
COMMISSIONER



RECOMMENDED BY: Charles J. Alessi, P.E.
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

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cc: G. Absolom, Chief Treatment Plant Supervisor
J. Kruczynski/0.6.1.6
C. Alessi/0.7.1.0 (w/enc)
Board of Managers 1-6 & Southtowns

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SUGGESTED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County of Erie, Erie County Department of Environment and Planning - Division of Sewerage Management was notified that funds were available through the New York State Department of Labor - New York Occupational Safety Hazard Abatement Board that could assist Erie County in conforming to Federal and State health and safety laws; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management estimates that they could qualify for a \$115,000.00 grant through the New York State Department of Labor, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Sewerage Management has been very successful in obtaining similar grants in prior years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the application made to the New York State Department of Labor - New York Occupational Safety Hazard Abatement Board is hereby approved and ratified and the proposed agreement for receipt of the funds is hereby approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be, and hereby is, authorized to execute an agreement with the New York State Department of Labor Occupational Safety Hazard Abatement Board for \$115,000.00, or an amount as may be adjusted by the DOL, subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Stephen F. Gawlik, Assistant County Attorney, Charles J. Alessi, P.E., Deputy Commissioner, Department of Environment and Planning, the Erie County Comptroller's Office and the Division of Budget, Management and Finance.

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