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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 9, 2011

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

**RE: United States Dept. of Energy
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning. The resolution revises Erie County's United States Department of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program budget to support energy efficiency equipment improvements in the Rath Building.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Collins", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Environment and Planning
Re: United States Dept. of Energy
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
Date: May 9, 2011

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Legislature approve the attached resolution prepared by the Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) to revise Erie County's United States Department of Energy (US DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program budget. The attached resolution revises the grant budget to support energy efficiency equipment improvements in the Rath Building including six new air handling units, six refurbished return fans, one new 900 ton air chiller, new spill ducts, a new snow melt pump, gas service to the building, new boilers and new hot water tanks. These projects will increase the energy efficiency of the building and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The attached resolution requests a budget revision that does not alter total grant revenues or expenditures.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Approval of this resolution will enable Erie County to implement energy conservation measures for the Rath Building. This project will reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The project will also accomplish the economic stimulus and job creation goals set forth by the Recovery and Reinvestment Act requirements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated over \$2.7 billion to the US DOE for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Program. The US DOE allocated funds for the program to states and municipalities nationwide. The US DOE program allocation formula allocated \$2,903,000 to Erie County for the development and implementation of projects which conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gas reduction emissions.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without the requested authorization, Erie County will be unable to implement energy efficiency equipment improvements in the Rath Building.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of this resolution, the County's grant budget will be revised and energy efficiency improvements will be implemented.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Re: **United States Dept. of Energy
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant**

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, appropriated over \$2.7 billion to the United States Department of Energy (US DOE) for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, through the allocation formula established for EECBG, the US DOE has made \$2,903,000 available to Erie County government to implement projects that will reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions within the County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise the existing budget to implement energy efficiency equipment improvements in the Rath Building

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to revise the County's grant budget and file the new grant budget with the US DOE; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant budget for the US DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant is hereby revised in the Department of Environment and Planning, Business Area 162, as follows:

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
Grant Period: (12/29/2009-12/29/2012)
SAP Grant Account #162EECBG_ENE0912

REVENUE:

Account	Description	Current Budget	Revision	Revised Budget
414140	FA-ARRA USDOE EECBG	\$2,903,000.00	(\$2,612,875.17)	\$290,124.83

TOTAL REVENUE:

\$290,124.83

APPROPRIATIONS:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revisions</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
500000	Full-Time Salaries	\$312,000.00	\$(288,522.14)	\$23,477.86
500020	Regular PT Wages	\$124,800.00	\$(115,604.58)	\$9,195.42
502000	Fringe Benefits	\$210,144.00	\$(200,441.87)	\$9,702.13
506200	Maintenance and Repair	\$28,000.00	\$(28,000)	\$0.00
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,100.00	\$(1,100)	\$0.00

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revisions</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
510200	Training and Education	\$5,000.00	\$(4,916.02)	\$83.98
516020	Professional Services Cont. & Fees	\$270,000.00	\$(31,656.50)	\$238,343.50
530000	Other Expenses	\$19,793.00	\$(19,793.00)	\$0.00
575000	Inter-Fund Expense Non-Subsidy	\$1,900,000.00	\$(1,900,000.00)	\$0.00
916200	ID Env & Planning Services	\$32,163.00	\$(22,841.06)	\$9,321.94
<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:</u>			<u>\$290,124.83</u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant budget for the US DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant is hereby established in the Department of Public Works, Business Area 122, as follows:

DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
Grant Period: (12/29/2009-12/29/2012)
SAP Grant Account #122DOE EECBG_0912

REVENUE:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
414140	FA-ARRA USDOE EECBG	-0-	\$2,612,876	\$2,612,876
<u>TOTAL REVENUE:</u>			<u>\$2,612,876</u>	

APPROPRIATIONS:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revision</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>
516020	Contractual Services	-0-	\$2,612,876	\$2,612,876
<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:</u>			<u>\$2,612,876</u>	

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget amendments as required to comply with federal, state and other local source approved funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive; Director of the Division of Budget and Management; Commissioner of Environment and Planning; Commissioner of Public Works; the County Comptroller; the Commissioner of Personnel; and the County Attorney.