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CHRIS COLLINS

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June 23, 2011

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Acceptance of FY10 Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant
Program (IECGP)**

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting that your Honorable Body provide authorization to accept \$940,095.00 in funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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

Sincerely,

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Emergency Services
Re: Acceptance of FY10 Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program (IECGP)
Date: June 23, 2011

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature approve the attached resolution for the 2010 Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program allowing the County Executive to accept \$940,095 in federal assistance to continue the implementation of a program to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact on the county operating budget. All costs are fully reimbursed. A contract will be signed and funds will be received from the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP) which will cover the total cost of this grant award to the Department of Emergency Services.

REASONS FOR RECOMENDATION

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to manage \$940,095 in U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 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 IECGP Fiscal Year 2010 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 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 \$940,095.00 in Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program 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 FY10 Interoperable
Emergency Communications Grant
Program Funds

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$940,095 to continue the implementation of a program which enhances the ability for Erie County to manage emergency, disaster and terrorist situations; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is required to authorize the County Executive to accept the \$940,095 in Federal resources to provide funding for overtime of current personnel, purchase necessary interoperable equipment and to hire a consultant to provide assistance on interoperable communications that will enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the County Executive to enter into contract with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency to receive \$940,095 in grant funding for the Department of Emergency Services; and be it further

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

**Department of Emergency Services
Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP)
Fiscal Year 2010 Funding**

| Revenue | Increase |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Account 414000 Federal Aid | \$940,095 |

| Appropriations | Increase |
|--|------------------|
| Account 501000 Overtime | \$ 48,200 |
| Account 516020 Professional Contracts & Fees | 300,000 |
| Account 516030 Maintenance Contracts | 411,330 |
| Account 561410 Equipment (Lab & Tech) | 158,550 |
| Account 510100 Travel | <u>22,015</u> |
| Total Appropriations | \$940,095 |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with Federal and 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 Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller and the County Attorney.