



COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 15, 2011

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

**RE: Department of Emergency Services
Acceptance of FY10 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Funds**

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept \$2,459,652 in funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Fiscal Year 2010 for the Department of Emergency Services.

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

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Emergency Services
Re: Acceptance of FY10 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Funds
Date: July 7, 2011

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature approve the attached resolution for the Fiscal Year 2010 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant that will authorize the County Executive to enter into contract to receive \$2,459,652 in Federal 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 the submitted allowable expenditures for \$2,459,652 in 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, 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 UASI 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 \$2,459,652 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 FY10 Urban Area
Security Initiative (UASI) Funds

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$2,459,652 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 \$2,459,652 in federal resources to provide funding for personnel and the purchase of 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 Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive \$2,459,652 in grant funding for the Department of Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to transfer currently budgeted positions within existing Department of Emergency Services Homeland Security grants to UASI FY 2010 as required to maintain public safety services to Erie County residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this grant, under the Department of Emergency Services, will meet the grant goals and objectives; 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 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 2010 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)**

Revenue	Increase
Account 414000 Federal Aid	\$ 2,459,652
Appropriations	Increase
Account 500000 Full Time Salaries	\$ 210,000
Account 502000 Fringe Benefits	104,400
Account 516020 Professional Contracts & Fees	152,000

Account 561410 Equipment (Lab & Tech)	1,858,252
Account 510100 Travel	15,000
Account 510200 Training & Education	20,000
Account 516030 Maintenance Contracts	<u>100,000</u>
Total Appropriations	\$ 2,459,652

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 and Federal 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.