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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 4, 2013

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Medical Reserve Corps Grant
5/1/13 – 7/31/13**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team (S.M.A.R.T.) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was initiated in May 2002 and is comprised of members from diverse medical and public health disciplines. The Erie County Departments of Health and Emergency Services oversee S.M.A.R.T. which has actively recruited, trained and expanded its membership.

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the acceptance of funding in the amount of \$11,000 to continue to upgrade local public health response capabilities relative to emergency preparedness. Funding will be used to allow staff and volunteers in leadership roles within S.M.A.R.T. to participate in regional and national meetings and conferences. Information gathered at these conferences is shared with the general membership and utilized to expand the capabilities of S.M.A.R.T.

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

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

By: Richard M. Tobe
Deputy County Executive

MCP:lmg
cc: Dr. Burstein

MEMORANDUM

TO: Erie County Legislature
FROM: Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner – Department of Health
RE: Medical Reserve Corps 5/1/13 – 7/31/13
DATE: May 8, 2013

SUMMARY

To authorize entering into a contract in the amount of \$11,000 with the Department of Health & Human Services through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to provide funding for the coordination and recruitment of S.M.A.R.T. (Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive. This request is fully funded through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO).

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To authorize the acceptance of funding to continue to upgrade local public health response capabilities relative to emergency preparedness. County government and the taxpayers of Erie County will continue to benefit under this agreement as well as the Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team (S.M.A.R.T.). The mission of S.M.A.R.T. requires personnel and volunteer leadership to participate in regionally and nationally sponsored training programs, and to share the information gathered at these conferences with the general membership.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Erie County Department of Health Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team (SMART) Medical Reserve Corps was initiated in May 2002 and is comprised of members from diverse medical and public health disciplines. The Erie County Departments of Health and Emergency Services oversee S.M.A.R.T. which has actively recruited, trained and expanded its membership.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The County Executive will be unable to enter into the contract. This funding assists in our capacity to respond to public health threats posed by potential acts of bioterrorism and/or public health emergencies would be severely threatened.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Health Department will follow appropriate steps necessary to implement the provisions of the grant award.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health has received a grant award in the amount of \$11,000 from the Department of Health & Human Services through the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to provide funding for the coordination and recruitment for the S.M.A.R.T. (Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team); and

WHEREAS, the mission of S.M.A.R.T. requires personnel and volunteer leadership to engage in active deployments, drills, and trainings in Erie County, New York State, and nationally; and the uniform appearance of members is essential for identification and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to promote the activities of S.M.A.R.T. for recruitment and membership sustainment and education of the public on the capabilities of S.M.A.R.T. and the goals of the Medical Reserve Corps.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract and with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to establish funding in the Health Department Grant fund as follows:

**MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS
5/1/13 – 7/31/13**

	REVENUE		BUDGET
414000	Federal Aid		<u>\$11,000</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$11,000</u>
	EXPENSES		
505200	Clothing Supplies		\$2,000
516020	Professional Services Contracts & Fees		<u>\$9,000</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$11,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriation and revenue which may be impacted by changes to grantor awards, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Department of Law and Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner, in the Department of Health, 9th Floor, Rath Building.