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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 10, 2013

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Acceptance of FY 12 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept $340,722.00 in funding from the State of New York.

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To:	Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From:	Department of Emergency Services
Re:	Acceptance of FY 12 Emergency Management Performance Grant
Date:	September 10, 2013

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature approve the attached resolution for the FY 12 Local Emergency Planning Grant that will authorize the County Executive to enter into contract to receive $340,722.00 in State 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 expenditures for $340,722.00 in NYS 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, New York State has allocated funds to be utilized to improve the ability of local governments to deal effectively with emergency and disaster situations. These funds play an important role in the implementation of Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) by supporting the development and sustainment of core capabilities of prevention, protection, mitigation response and recovery within Erie County. Emergency Services continues to work on enhancing the ability of first responders within the county to effectively and efficiently manage emergency and disaster situations.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without this Legislation FY 12 Local Emergency Management Performance grant 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 will not be completed.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will sign the contract, the $340,722.00 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 FY 12 - Emergency Management Performance Grant

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of $340,722.00 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 $340,722.00 in state 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 NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive $340,722.00 in grant funding for the Department of Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to transfer currently budgeted positions with existing Department of Emergency Services Homeland Security grants to EMPG FY 12 as required to maintain public safety services to Erie County residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, these 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 12 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Revenue	**Increase**
Account 409000 State Aid	$340,722.00
Appropriation	**Increase**
Account 500000 Full Time Salaries	$197,574.00
Account 502000 Fringe Benefits	119,848.00
Account 505000 Office Supplies	1,500.00
Account 506200 Maintenance & Repairs	9,000.00
Account 510100 Travel	1,200.00
Account 510200 Training & Education	1,000.00

Account 516030 Maintenance Contracts	700.00
Account 910700 ID Fleet Services	5,800.00
Account 980000 ID DISS Services	4,100.00
Total Appropriations	$340,722.00

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 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.