



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

December 10, 2013

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

RE: Medical Examiner's Division Acceptance of a Grant Award

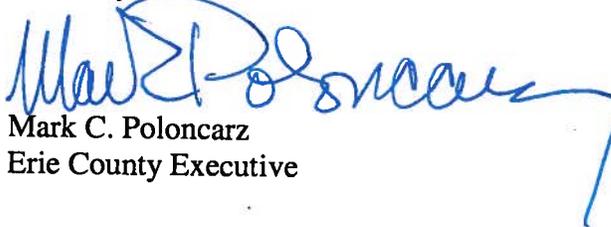
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Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Health Department. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Health Department
Re: Medical Examiner's Division - Acceptance of Grant Award
Date: November 19, 2013

SUMMARY

Authorization is requested to accept a grant award from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The County will receive funding in the amount of \$22,000 awarded by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Program.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Funds will be used to send toxicologists to national scientific meetings that host workshops and provide training opportunities that cannot be obtain in this state. Acceptance of this funding will enable our toxicologists to attend these workshops without cost to the County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Medical Examiner's Division Forensic Toxicology Laboratory is tasked to perform analytical testing of blood and urine for the presence of prescription and non-prescription drugs and to determine their concentration. These samples are submitted to the laboratory by law enforcement agencies when a person is apprehended for driving while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The County Executive will be unable to accept the grant award and thereby unable to assist the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Program with their efforts to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and deaths on the roadways.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

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

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

RE: Medical Examiner's Division Acceptance of Grant Award

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's Division has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$22,000 to participate in the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Program whose goal is to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and deaths on New York State's roads; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology laboratory is tasked to perform analytical testing of blood and urine for the presence of prescription and non-prescription drugs and to determine their concentration; and

WHEREAS, these samples are submitted to the laboratory by law enforcement agencies when a person is apprehended for driving while impaired by alcohol and/or drugs; and

WHEREAS, national scientific meetings that host workshops and provide training opportunities for toxicologist to increase their knowledge are not held in this state; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be utilized to enable the toxicologists to attend these workshops at no cost to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to enter in to contract and accept a grant award in the amount of \$22,000 from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Program to be budgeted as follows:

**New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT 2014
127DMVTOX1314
10/1/13 – 9/30/14**

<u>SAP</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	REVENUE	
409000	State Aid	<u>\$22,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$22,000</u>
	EXPENSES	
505800	Medical Supplies	\$10,000
510100	Out of Area Travel	<u>12,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$22,000</u>

and be it further

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