



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 5, 2014

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

Re: Erie County Agricultural Society Concessions License Agreement

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with the Erie County Agricultural Society to allow Emergency Services to occupy space at the Erie County Fair. The cost of the agreement is \$5,000.00.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner 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

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Emergency Services
Re: Erie County Agricultural Society Concessions License Agreement
Date: May 5, 2014

SUMMARY

The Department of Emergency Services is seeking authorization to allow the County Executive to enter into an agreement with the Erie County Agricultural Society to allow Emergency Services to occupy space at the Erie County Fair in the amount of \$5,000.00.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact on the county operating budget. The funds to cover this contact will be coming out of 100% reimbursable homeland security grant funds. The funds in the grants are already approved by the state to be utilized for this project.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Emergency Services would like to take the opportunity of the Erie County Fair to conduct public outreach to citizens that attend the fair. The booths will have beneficial information for the public regarding disaster related materials. A few examples of items that will be included at these booths, are health screenings, Citizen Emergency Response Team information, Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team information, weather preparedness, creating an at home preparedness kit, sign up to NY Alert, information from local town/village Emergency Services Offices, etc.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

One objective in our homeland security grants is citizen preparedness. The fair is a great opportunity to reach out to a large amount of individuals in a two week time period. As we have seen in past disasters the more the public is aware the smoother the response and the better the recovery from a disaster.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without this Legislation a large number of citizens will miss out on learning how to prepare for a disaster. Emergency Services will not be able to meet the objective of the grant.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will sign the contract, the Department of Emergency will be able to set up citizen preparedness booths at the Erie County Fair, as well as meet the objective of the homeland security grant. In addition, Emergency Services will be successful at preparing a large number of people for the next disaster.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

RE: Erie County Agricultural Society
Concessions License Agreement

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security, through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, has agreed to provide funding to continue the implementation of programs 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 a contract with the Erie County Agricultural Society to allow Emergency Services to occupy space at the Erie County Fair in the amount of \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be managed by the Erie County Department of Emergency Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract beginning August 6, 2014 through August 17, 2014 with the Erie County Agricultural Society to allow Emergency Services to occupy space at the Erie County Fair in the amount of \$5,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant which will be reimbursed for this expense will be HS167SHSP1114; 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.