COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 28, 2014

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

Re: Acceptance of FY 2013 Hazmat Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept $86,000 in federal funding via the State of New York.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please 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: Acceptance of FY 2013 Hazmat Grant
Date: January 28, 2014

SUMMARY

The Department of Emergency Services seeks authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract to receive $86,000 in federal assistance for the FY 2013 Hazmat Grant via New York State.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact on the County operating budget. Said grant is 100% reimbursed from New York State using federal funds.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The federal funds will allow the Department of Emergency Services 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 Hazmat Fiscal Year 2013 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 $86,000 in federal 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 2013 Hazmat Grant

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of $86,000 to continue the implementation of the hazmat 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 $86,000 in federal resources to provide funding for training of 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 $86,000 in grant funding for the Department of Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this grant, under the Department of Emergency Services, will meet the goals and objectives and 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 2013 Hazmat Grant Program

Revenue	**Increase**
Account 414000 Federal Aid	$86,000.00
Appropriations	**Increase**
Account 561410 Equipment (Lab & Tech)	65,299.00
Account 510100 Travel	3,000.00
Account 510200 Training & Education	2,000.00
Account 516030 Maintenance Contracts	15,701.00
Total Appropriations	86,000.00

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 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.