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MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 27, 2015

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Ebola Virus Disease Supplemental Funding
04/01/2015 – 09/30/2016

Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department has received a supplemental grant award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the New York State Department of Health.

The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the acceptance of funding in the amount of $127,274 to continue upgrades to local public health response capabilities relative to emergency preparedness, specifically Ebola Virus Disease. Funding will be used to train and equip public health staff to safely investigate, monitor and assess persons potentially or actually exposed to Ebola Virus. Additionally, funding will be utilized to restore the functionality of the Health Operations Center located at 503 Kensington, which will benefit Erie County for All-Hazards response.

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

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

MEMORANDUM

TO:	Erie County Legislature
FROM:	Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner – Department of Health
RE:	Ebola Virus Disease Supplemental
DATE:	August 27, 2015

SUMMARY

To authorize entering into a contract in the amount of $127,274 with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") through the New York State Department Health ("NYSDOH") to provide funding for the planning, prevention, preparedness and response to Ebola Virus Disease.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive. This initiative is fully funded through the NYSDOH.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To authorize the acceptance of funding to plan, prepare and respond to the ongoing threat of Ebola Virus Disease ("EVD"). This funding is a one-time, supplemental award from the CDC through the NYSDOH. Funds have been allocated to provide the level of personal protective equipment ("PPE") recommended by CDC and NYSDOH for personnel to safely monitor persons under investigation, assess and treat persons potentially infected with/exposed to Ebola, and the training required to develop competency with PPE. Furthermore, supplemental funds have been allocated to restore the functionality of the Health Operations Center at 503 Kensington Avenue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Erie County Department of Health ("ECDOH") has been engaged in the planning and response to EVD since September 2014. Recently, CDC has awarded state and local health departments with supplemental funding to specifically address issues related to Ebola. This funding is in addition to the funding already received by ECDOH for All-Hazards Preparedness and Response and is intended for participation in county and regional Ebola exercises; training and equipping staff for use of personal protective equipment; planning for and sustaining local monitoring activities; responding if necessary including: management and coordination of operations, wrap-around isolation and quarantine operations, environmental clean-up; and delivery of EVD risk communication messages.

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 and would be severely threatened.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

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

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health ("ECDOH") has received a grant award in the amount of $127,274 from the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") through an allocation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the ECDOH is to prevent, prepare for and respond to potential and actual communicable diseases including Category A Biologic Agents; and provide the appropriate supplies, equipment and training to appropriately protect staff, volunteers and the public.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to complete the programmatic deliverables required by NYSDOH to participate in county and regional Ebola exercises; equip and train staff for use of personal protective equipment; plan for and sustain local monitoring activities; respond if necessary including: management and coordination of operations, wrap-around isolation and quarantine operations, environmental clean-up; and delivery of EVD risk communication messages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with the NYSDOH which is budgeted as follows:

EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE SUPPLEMENTAL
04/01/2015 – 09/30/2016

SAP	REVENUE	BUDGET
414000	Federal Aid	$127,274
	TOTAL	$127,274
	EXPENSES	
501000	Overtime	$10,000
502000	Fringe Benefits	$2,580
505000	Office Supplies	$10,000
505200	Clothing Supplies	$18,331
505400	Food & Kitchen Supplies	$5,000
505800	Medical & Health Supplies	$26,413
506200	Maintenance & Repair	$5,000
510000	Local Mileage Reimbursement	$3,000

510100	Out of Area Travel	$5,000
510200	Training And Education	$3,000
516020	Professional Svcs Contracts & Fees	$13,400
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	$25,550
	TOTAL	$127,274

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.