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## COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 13, 2015

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Acceptance of FY 14 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant  
Round 4**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept \$2,132,185.00 in funding from the State of New York.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Poloncarz" clearly legible.

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 14 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant – Round 4  
**Date:** November 13, 2015

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### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature approve the attached resolution for the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant – Round 4 that will authorize the County Executive to enter into contract to receive \$2,132,185.00 in State assistance.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no fiscal impact on the county operating budget. Said grant is 100% reimbursed.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/ 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 are provided to facilitate the development, consolidation and/or improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance the dispatch centers within Erie County by updating their current systems to the Next Gen 911 system. The Department of Emergency Services will receive \$2,132,185.00 in NYS Department of Homeland Security funds and utilize the funds to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without this Legislation the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant – Round 4 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 \$2,132,185.00 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:    Statewide Interoperable Communications  
      Grant – Round 4

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$2,132,185.00 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 \$2,132,185.00 in federal resources to provide funding to purchase the 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 2,132,185.00 in Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant funding for the Department of Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Emergency Services will meet the goals and objectives of the grant 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  
FY14 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG)

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Account 414000 Federal Aid	\$2,132,185.00
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Account 516020 Professional Service Contracts	\$499,435.00
Account 516030 Maintenance Contracts	\$266,608.00
Account 561410 Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>\$1,366,142.00</u>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$2,132,185.00</b>

; 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.