



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 11, 2015

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

Re: Acceptance of 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 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, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mc
Enclosure

cc: Commissioner Dan Neaverth Jr., Department of Emergency Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Emergency Services
Re: Acceptance of Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Round 4
Date: December 11, 2015

SUMMARY

The Department of Emergency Services is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter into contract to receive \$2,132,185 in New York State Assistance for the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Round 4.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to manage expenditures for \$2,132,185 in NYS Department of Homeland Security funds and utilize the funds to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations.

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 statewide interoperable communications for first responders in Erie County.

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 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: Acceptance of Statewide Interoperable
Communications Grant Round 4**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$2,132,185 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 in state 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 New York State Department of Homeland Security to receive \$2,132,185 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 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, Funds Center 16700 as follows:

Erie County Department of Emergency Services
Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Round 4
Grant HS167SICG1617
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017

Revenue	Increase
Account 409000 State Aid	\$2,132,185
Appropriations	Increase
Account 516020 Professional Services Contracts	\$499,435
Account 516030 Maintenance Contracts	\$266,608
Account 561410 Equipment (Lab & Tech)	<u>\$1,366,142</u>
Total Appropriations	\$2,132,185

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.