



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 16, 2016

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

Re: Acceptance of FY 16 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept \$5,172 in funding from New York State.

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 that reads "Mark Poloncarz".

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 16 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant
Date: June 16, 2016

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization to for the County Executive to enter into contract to accept federal assistance from the FY 16 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The county will be awarded \$5,172 in NYS Department of Homeland Security funds. There is a 25% local match required. The County will pay the \$1,293 local share out of the Emergency Services operating budget. This will make the total grant contract total to \$6,465.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to manage expenditures for \$6,465 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 will be used to train members of the Erie County Hazmat Team. The two courses these funds will allow members to attend are the NYSOFPFC Hazmat Technician Course and the NYSOFPFC Cargo Tank Specialist Course. The funds will cover registration and travel.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without this Legislation the FY 16 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant 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 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 16 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Services receives a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the grant is estimated to be \$6,465 for the 2016 budget year which includes a 25% local match (\$1,293) which is available in the 2016 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract and accept funding of \$5,172 with a 25% local share of \$1,293 required for a total grant of \$6,465 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the Federal Aid revenue account 414000 and Training and Education account 510200 in the Department of Emergency Services 2016 Budget, fund 110, funds center 16700 for the FY 16 HMEP grant to comply with State and Federal approved funding levels and this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Department of Emergency Services, attention: Melissa Calhoun.