



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 29, 2016

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

Re: Budget Amendment to accept funds from the County's two Solid Waste Management Boards

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning to authorize amendments to the current budget to allocate funds from Erie County's two solid waste management boards.

The Northeast Southtowns, and Northwest Communities, Solid Waste Management Boards have signed separate Memorandums of Understanding covering the years 2015-2016. The funds from each Board are used for the purpose of providing contracted services for their member municipalities. These services are continued through a one-year extension for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Education Grant (162WRRCG1215).

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Deputy Commissioner Thomas R. Hersey, Jr. at the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw
Enclosure

cc: Maria R. Whyte, Deputy County Executive
Thomas J. Dearing, Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Environment and Planning
Re: Budget amendment to accept funds from the County's two Solid Waste Management Boards
Date: January 29, 2016

SUMMARY

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning is seeking authorization for the amendment of the budget with funds received from Erie County's two solid waste boards. These funds will be utilized to continue contracted services associated with administrative, logistical and technical support services to their member municipalities. Funds are used as a match for the one-year Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant (GRANT) extension provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

Approval for the execution of the 2015/2016 Solid Waste Management Board MOUs was provided by the Erie County Legislature in COMM. 21-E17.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The separate agreements with the Northeast Southtowns and Northwest Communities Solid Waste Management Boards (SWMB) provide \$40,500 for contracted services over a two-year period (2015/2016). The funds will be incorporated into the existing budget for the one-year, no-cost extension for the NYSDEC GRANT (162WRRCG-1215) and 2016 110 Fund to offset County Recycling Program expenses.

There will be no additional impact on County resources.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Each board has a NYSDEC approved solid waste management plan focusing on ways to reduce solid waste generation and increase recycling. The County has provided support to the two solid waste boards since 2000 with contracted services by ECDEP beginning in 2007. ECDEP has been able to utilize this funding as part of the match to the NYSDEC GRANT which helps facilitate the coordination of waste reduction planning on a County-wide basis. These services provide planning and municipal program coordination to increase efficiencies and reduce costs associated with recycling and waste reduction education.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Solid waste management in Erie County has traditionally resided at the municipal level. For solid waste management purposes, the forty-four municipalities in Erie County have aligned themselves into three planning boards: the Northwest Communities Solid Waste Management Board, the Northeast Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board, and the City of Buffalo. Erie County through the DEP has provided administrative support to the two solid waste groups to assist in their solid waste management efforts.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The DEP would be unable to accept funding for contracted services which benefit the 43 municipalities serviced by the two boards. This cooperative arrangement between the County and the member municipalities has been a key part of solid waste management planning required by the NYSDEC.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The following budget amendment will take place:

Erie County will accept the funds from the two solid waste management boards and the budget director will be authorized to make the necessary Erie County budget changes to reflect the local source revenue.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING**

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (DEP) provides support to the Northwest and the Northeast-Southtowns Solid Waste Management Boards for solid waste and recycling planning; and

WHEREAS, Erie County's two solid waste management boards have signed separate Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the DEP to provide the necessary administrative, logistical and technical assistance and services to comply with the approved Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP); and

WHEREAS, execution of the MOU's provides \$20,250 in local source funding from each of the two Solid Waste Management Boards, for a total of \$40,500 and was accepted by Erie County in Comm. 21E-17 passed on November 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Erie County received a three-year grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Coordination (MWRR) Grant of \$290,820 and has received a one-year extension of this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the total additional funding of \$40,500 from Erie County's Solid Waste Boards be split evenly between the NYSDEC MWRR program grant, which has been granted a one-year extension, and the 2016 DEP general fund budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the grant budget and project period for the NYSDEC MWRR program in Fund 281, Business Area 162, SAP will be amended as follows:

Department of Environment and Planning
162WRRCG1215
Grant extension end date – December 31, 2016

| Account | Description | Current Budget | Revision | Revised Budget |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <u>REVENUE</u> | | | | |
| 409000 | State Aid Revenue | (\$290,820) | \$0 | (\$290,820) |
| 420499 | Other Local Source Revenue | (\$40,500) | (\$20,250) | (\$60,750) |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | (\$331,320) | (\$20,250) | (\$351,570) |
| <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u> | | | | |
| 500000 | Full Time Salaries | \$177,870 | \$0 | \$177,870 |
| 502000 | Fringe Benefits | \$112,950 | \$0 | \$112,950 |
| 505000 | Office Supplies | \$1,525 | \$0 | \$1,525 |
| 510000 | Local Mileage Reimbursement | \$550 | \$0 | \$550 |
| 510100 | Out of Area Travel | \$4,615 | \$0 | \$4,615 |
| 510200 | Training and Education | \$1,850 | \$0 | \$1,850 |

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 516020 | Professional Services | \$31,660 | \$20,250 | \$51,910 |
| 561420 | Office Furniture & Fixtures | \$300 | \$0 | \$300 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | | \$331,320 | \$20,250 | \$351,570 |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2016 DEP revenues and appropriations in the general fund 110, funds center 16200 be increased by the remaining \$20,250 in funding from Erie County's Solid Waste Boards as follows:

| Account | Description | Increase |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| <u>REVENUE</u> | | |
| 420499 | Other Local Source Revenue | (\$20,250) |
| <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u> | | |
| 516020 | Professional Services | \$20,250 |

and be it further

RESOLVED, that Director of the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with State and local funding requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the County Attorney; the County Comptroller; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and the Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Environmental Compliance.