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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 26, 2016

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

**Re: Acceptance of FY 15 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)  
Operations Grant**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept \$209,112 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 cursive script that reads "Mark C. 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 15 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant  
**Date:** February 26, 2016

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### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature approve the attached resolution for the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant that will authorize the County Executive to enter into contract to receive \$209,112 in State funding.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to manage expenditures for \$209,112 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 the dispatch centers within Erie County by updating their current systems to the Next Gen 911 system.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without this Legislation the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations 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 funding 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 15 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$209,112 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 this funding in order 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 Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to receive \$209,112 in federal grant funding for the Erie County Department of Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this grant, under the Department of Emergency Services, will meet the goals and objectives 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  
FY15 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)  
Operations Grant

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Account 414000 Federal Aid	\$209,112.00
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Account 516030 Maintenance Contracts	<u>\$209,112.00</u>
Total	\$209,112.00

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.