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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 6, 2016

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

Re: Acceptance of FY 14 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 \$3,917 in funding from New York State which requires a 25% match of \$979.25 for a total grant of \$4,896.25.

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,

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 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant
Date: May 6, 2016

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County Executive to enter into contract to accept federal assistance from the \$4,896.25 FY 14 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The county will be awarded \$3,917 in NYS Department of Homeland Security funds. There is a 25% local match required. The County will pay the \$979.25 local share out of the Emergency Services operating budget. This will make the total grant contract, \$4,896.25.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to manage expenditures for \$4,896.25 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 send Erie County Hazmat Team Members to the International Association of Fire Chief's International Hazmat Conference. This conference is recognized as a high quality, in depth conference with cutting edge educational programs designed for professionals at all levels of experience. It is the premier conference in the US for hazardous materials responders. It offers the most experienced speakers, up to date information and explores the latest innovations in hazmat. Some training topics include: Bio-Threat response and sample collection, incident management best practices, chemical and physical properties of hazardous materials and recognizing and responding to commercial explosive incidents.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without this Legislation the FY 14 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant contract will not be signed, the funding will not be received by 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 for the \$4,896.25 Homeland Security grant, the 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 14 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Services has received 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 \$4,896.25 for the 2014 budget year which includes a 25% local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract to accept funding of \$3,917 with a 25% local share of \$979.25 required for a total grant of \$4,896.25 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 Out of Area Travel account 510100 in the Department of Emergency Services 2016 Budget, fund 110, funds center 16700 for the FY 14 HMEP grant to comply with State and Federal approved funding levels; 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.