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# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 6, 2016

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

**Re: Acceptance of FY 15 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 \$11,740 in funding from New York State which requires a 25% match of \$2,935 for a total grant of \$14,675.

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

MCP/mc  
Enclosure

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Emergency Services  
**Re:** Acceptance of FY 15 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant  
**Date:** May 6, 2016

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### **SUMMARY**

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County Executive to enter into contract to accept federal assistance from the \$14,675 FY 15 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The county will be awarded \$11,740 in NYS Department of Homeland Security funds. There is a 25% local match required. The County will pay the \$2,935 local share out of the Emergency Services operating budget. This will make the total grant contract, \$14,675.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to manage expenditures for \$14,675 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 hire a consultant to do a hazardous materials commodity flow study. In the study we would like to identify these commodities and determine any unique transportation containers that are coming through Erie County as well as what routes they are being transported. We also would like to assess the potential impact of a hazardous commodity release if it would occur along studied routes. Finally, the consultant will assist with materials to provide guidance to emergency responders and managers relative to hazardous commodity transportation emergency in terms of preventative measures, preparedness measures, training efforts and specialized equipment needs.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without this Legislation the FY 15 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 for the \$14,675 in 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 15 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 \$14,675 for the 2015 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 \$11,740 with a 25% local share of \$2,935 required for a total grant of \$14,675 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 Professional Service Contracts and Fees account 516020 in the Department of Emergency Services 2016 Budget, fund 110, funds center 16700 for the FY 15 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.