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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 6, 2016

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

Re: Acceptance of FY16 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Funds

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept \$1,407,651 in funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for fiscal year 2016.

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, appearing to read "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 FY16 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Funds
Date: May 6, 2016

SUMMARY

The Department of Emergency Services is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into contract to receive \$1,407,651 in federal assistance from the fiscal year 2016 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant (September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact on the county operating budget. Said grant is 100% reimbursable from federal aid.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to manage expenditures for \$1,407,651 in 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, the federal government through various State agencies has allocated funds to be utilized to improve the ability of local governments to deal effectively with emergency and disaster situations. There is a need for Erie County to enhance its ability to manage emergency and disaster situations.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without this Legislation the SHSP Fiscal Year 2016 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 to enhance the ability to respond to emergency and disaster related incidents will not be completed.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will sign the contract, the \$1,407,651 in 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 FY16 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Funds

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$1,407,651 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 \$1,407,651 in federal resources to provide funding for personnel and the purchase of 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 NYS Department of Homeland Security to receive \$1,407,651 in federal grant funding for the Department of Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to transfer currently budgeted positions with existing Department of Emergency Services Homeland Security grants to SHSP FY 2016 as required to maintain public safety services to Erie County residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this grant, under the Department of Emergency Services, will meet the goals and objectives; and be it further

RESOLVED, 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
FY 2016 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019

Revenue	Increase
Account 414000 Federal Aid	\$1,407,651
Appropriations	Increase
Account 500000 Full Time Salaries	\$340,967
Account 500010 Part Time Salaries	\$30,000

Account 502000 Fringe Benefits	\$167,504
Account 505200 Clothing Supplies	\$2,000
Account 505800 Medical & Health Supplies	\$10,000
Account 510100 Out of Area Travel	\$10,000
Account 515000 Utility Charges	\$100,000
Account 516020 Professional Contracts & Fees	\$46,500
Account 516030 Maintenance Contracts	\$541,680
Account 561410 Lab & Technical Equipment	\$94,000
Account 912400 ID Mental Health Service	<u>\$65,000</u>
 Total Appropriations	 1,407,651

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 and Federal approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that where existing personnel are funded out of homeland security grants as additional homeland security funding becomes available those existing positions can carry over to future homeland security grant years; 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.