



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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January 23, 2012

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

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**Re: State Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant**

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning authorizing the filing of an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for state grant-in-aid for a three year municipal waste reduction and recycling project.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Environment and Planning. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

MARK POLONCARZ  
Erie County Executive

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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Department of Environment and Planning  
Re: State Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant  
Date: January 23, 2012

### **SUMMARY**

This resolution would authorize the Department of Environment and Planning to apply for \$290,828.70 in state funds from New York State for a three year municipal waste reduction and recycling project.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Adoption of this resolution would authorize the Department to apply for \$290,829 in state funds, which represents a 50 percent reimbursement for a \$581,501 solid waste reduction and recycling program. The grant program requires that the County provide \$290,828.70 in in-kind services to access state funding. The in-kind services will be provided through existing budgeted staff funding. The state funding will provide 100% funding for the creation of a position in the Department of Environment and Planning for a recycling coordinator.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of this resolution will authorize the Department to apply for \$290,828.70 in state reimbursement funding for a three year municipal waste reduction and recycling project. The project would work with the two Solid Waste Management Boards in Erie County to meet solid waste goals, objectives and reporting per state required and approved solid waste management plans and provide educational and outreach opportunities related to solid waste reduction and recycling for residents of the County.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Department previously submitted a pre-application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to request funding for an Erie County Recycling/Waste Reduction Education project. The pre-application requested \$290,829.70 in funds from the State. The Department's request was placed in a cue of projects that have requested funding. Once prior projects have either been eliminated from the cue or funded, the State sends a request to the pre-applicant for a full application to be submitted with the attached resolution.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Without the requested authorization, Erie County will be unable to apply for funds from New York State for a municipal waste reduction and recycling project.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The authorization resolution will be submitted with a full project application to the State.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

Re: State Municipal Waste Reduction  
and Recycling Grant

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for municipal waste reduction and recycling projects; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie, New York herein called the "Municipality," has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the Municipality deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Contract by and between the people of the State of New York, herein called the "State," and the Municipality be executed for such state aid; and

WHEREAS, that Erie County will fund its portion of the cost of the three year Waste Reduction and Recycling Project utilizing existing budgeted staff as an in kind match;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized; and be it further

RESOVLED, that the Commissioner of Environment and Planning is directed and authorized as the official representative of the Municipality to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required by the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, that four (4) certified copies of this resolution be prepared and sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Albany, New York 12233-7260, together with one complete application; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive, the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the Commissioner of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; the Commissioner of Personnel; and the County Attorney.