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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 31, 2021

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Acceptance of FY 20-21 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept \$196,268.00 in funding from New York State.

If your Honorable Body requires any further information, please contact Commissioner Daniel Neaverth Jr. at the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/cw
Enclosure

cc: Commissioner of Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, Daniel Neaverth Jr.

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
Re: Acceptance of FY 20-21 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant
Date: August 31, 2021

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 \$196,268.00 in State Assistance.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications to the county operating budget. Said grant is 100% reimbursed.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services will be allowed to manage expenditures for \$196,268.00 in NYS Department of Homeland Security funds and utilize the funds to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations. Because 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 the Legislation the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant contract will not be signed, the funding will not be received for the Department of Homeland Security & 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 \$196,268.00 in Homeland Security grant funds will be received, and the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services will fulfill its requirements.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY &
EMERGENCY SERVICES

Re: Acceptance of FY 20-21 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant

WHEREAS, NYS Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$196,268.00 in 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 for the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept \$196,268.00 in resources to provide funding to purchase necessary equipment and maintenance 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 & Emergency Services to receive \$196,268.00 in grant funding for the Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this grant, under the Erie County Department of Homeland Security & 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 & Management to establish funding in the Grant Fund 281, as follows:

Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
FY 19 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant

Revenue	Increase
Account 414000 Federal Aid	\$196,268.00
Appropriations	Increase
Account 9165000, ID Central Police Services – E911	\$196,268.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget & 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 Homeland Security &

Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the Department of Central Police Services, Anita Ingram, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.