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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 17, 2022

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

RE: RENEW Plan Contracts Authorizations – Phase 4
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Department of Environment and Planning authorizing contracts necessary to implement Phase 4 of the RENEW Plan.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Department of Environment and Planning Commissioner, Daniel Castle or my office directly.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/nb
Enclosure

cc: Daniel R. Castle A.I.C.P., Commissioner, Department of Environment and Planning

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Environment and Planning
Re: RENEW Plan Contracts Authorization – Phase 4
Date: June 17, 2022

SUMMARY

Erie County authorized the RENEW Plan in resolution Comm. 13E-15, on July 8, 2021. The Projects have been modified from the July 8, 2021 resolution. Phase 4 is comprised of new projects which are being funded through the reallocation of previously approved Projects which were cancelled.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The expenditures associated with this resolution total: \$395,009.70. There is no anticipated funding impact on the County. The funding for the projects outlined has already been appropriated in COMM. 13E-15 utilizing funding from the American Rescue Plan State and Local Relief Fund, and through the elimination of state-aid cuts leading to a mid-year interfund surplus.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The following proposed projects as described are included in Phase 4:

Erie County Fire Academy Training Facilities - This project will provide funding for the Erie County Fire Training Academy to purchase a new fire behavior simulator as well as three (3) new training trailers. The fire behavior simulator is a permanent structure comprised of repurposed shipping containers. It will demonstrate various fire conditions and allow firefighters to practice rescue techniques with a variety of building features. The training trailers will provide mobile training in forcible entry, survival techniques, and structural ventilation.

Buffalo Irish Festival - This grant will fund the costs associated with the Buffalo Irish Festival. The expenses will include costs of tables, chairs, tents, and other related infrastructure needs of the festival.

Bellevue Fire District #9 - Brush Truck Apparatus Purchase –The Bellevue Fire District is surrounded by the Reinstein Nature Preserve, Losson Park, and many wooded areas. This funding will purchase a specialty piece of equipment built on a Ford F-550 that will give the fire district the ability to get water into small wooded areas where a large pumper cannot go.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Any ARP funding not encumbered by December 31st, 2024 must be returned to the U.S. Treasury. Many of the projects in this plan will take years to implement, and timing is critical not

only to ensure ARP funding stays in Erie County, but that the economic impact is realized as quickly as possible.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of this resolution the Department of Environment and Planning will commence the contracting process.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to a capital project which will be authorized and there are sufficient appropriations located in the following accounts for the action proposed:

SAP PROJ NO.	PROJECT	Funding
A.21xxx	Erie County Fire Academy Training Facilities	\$295,009.70
A.21xxx	Buffalo Irish Festival	\$50,000
A.21xxx	Bellevue Fire District #9- Brush Truck Apparatus Purchase	\$50,000



Comptroller's Office

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

RE: RENEW Plan Contract Authorization – Phase 4

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan was signed into law on March 11th 2021; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue plan included State and Local Relief funding to be used to offset lost revenue, provide premium pay to essential workers, respond to COVID-19 and its economic effects, and invest in sewer, water and broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has received \$89,213,547 in State and Local Relief funding and will receive a second tranche of State and Local Relief Funding in May of 2022; and

WHEREAS, by receiving State and Local Relief Funding the State of New York has eliminated local aid withholding, benefiting Erie County and creating a significant positive budget variance; and

WHEREAS, facing a major possible deficit in 2020, Erie County took significant action through a deficit remediation plan which eliminated positions, cut other costs, and appropriated fund balance and Fiscal Year 2019 surplus funding; and

WHEREAS, Erie County made additional budget cuts in the Adopted 2021 Budget in face of uncertainty regarding Federal assistance and the future of the coronavirus pandemic and its associated economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, American Rescue Plan Funding is eligible to be encumbered through December 31st 2024 and spent through December 31st 2026 allowing for long-term infrastructure projects to be designed and built; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has also prepared numerous “shovel-ready” projects to begin stimulating the economy quickly; and

WHEREAS, funding for this resolution is available through the first tranche of the American Rescue Plan and the elimination of state-aid cuts related to the passage of the American Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS funding for the projects in this resolution was originally allocated via Comm. 13E-15 on July 8th 2021; and

WHEREAS, the RENEW Plan Phase 2 resolution (COMM. 5E-10 (2022) passed on March 17, 2022 deleted the Cheektowaga Town Museum project as originally defined in the RENEW Plan as described in resolution Comm. 13E-15, on July 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, funding from the aforementioned previously deleted project is being reallocated to the Erie County Fire Academy Training Facilities, Buffalo Irish Festival, and Bellevue Fire District #9- Brush Truck Apparatus Purchase; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive / Deputy County Executive be authorized to execute contracts with the following entities in the amounts indicated, from the capital accounts noted:

Project	Contract Authorized With:	Contract Amount Not to Exceed:	From the following capital account:
Buffalo Irish Festival	Irish Cultural and Folk-Art Association of WNY	\$50,000	A.21xxx
Brush Truck Apparatus Purchase	Bellevue Fire District #9	\$50,000	A.21xxx

and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding in the amount of \$295,009.70 be utilized for the creation of a capital account in the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to implement the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Director of Budget and Management to make any necessary budgetary adjustments as needed to administer these projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Department of Law and County Executive/ Deputy County Executive to execute easements and/or place additional requirements on the aforementioned contracting entities and associated real property (project location) as necessary to implement the projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive; the Erie County Comptroller; the Director of Budget and Management; and Department of Environment and Planning.

TO: COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME RENEW Plan Contract Authorization – Phase 4

2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS \$395,009.70

3. SAP PROJECT NUMBER 4. PROJECT TITLE

A.211XX	Eric County Fire Academy Training Facilities
A.211XX	Buffalo Irish Festival
A.211XX	Bellevue Fire District #9

5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT Funding questions: Robert Keating
Letter pickup: Nancy Brown

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS \$2,368,000

7. PERFORMED BY *Nancy Brown*

Date Sent to Comptroller's Office: 6-17-2022

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