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COUNTY OF ERIE
MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 31, 2025

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

RE: Acceptance of NACCHO Grant for MRC

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is seeking authorization to accept an award from The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for \$10,000 for training, clothing, supplies, and other costs related to Erie County's Medical Reserve Corps.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact Commissioner of Health Gale Burstein. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Health
Re: Acceptance of NACCHO Grant for MRC
Date: January 24, 2025

SUMMARY

ECDOH is seeking authorization to accept a grant from The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for \$10,000 to assist with costs for training, clothing, supplies, and other miscellaneous items for Erie County Medical Reserve Corps. ECMRC provides support to all of Erie County and its municipalities during public health emergencies and disasters. Trainings are encouraged by New York State for local MRCs to gain the knowledge of developing their own policies and properly prepare, deploy, demobilize, and recover for planned and unplanned operations that involve volunteers of the MRC. This award will specifically help with training MRC volunteers into Tier Level 3 status, allowing them to be deployed to emergencies, and provide the deployment bags filled with first aid kits and other supplies.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Positive.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This award is to ensure that Public Health Preparedness staff and MRC volunteers have the necessary skills and knowledge to assist during public health and emergency operations.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Erie County's MRC will not have the necessary knowledge and skills to carry out the policies of the MRC as encouraged by New York State.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

ECDOH will work with Budget and Management to add the award to their operating budget.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health’s Public Health Preparedness division works directly with the Medical Reserve Corps, a volunteer organization that assists in public health and emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has awarded \$10,000 for trainings and supplies for the Erie County Medical Reserve Corps; and

WHEREAS, this award will be used to train MRC volunteers into Level 3 Tier so they may be deployed to emergencies outside local jurisdictions, and provide the necessary deployment bags and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the funds will provide the necessary training for the skills and knowledge for MRC volunteers as well as supplies and clothing to participate in other community events and trainings throughout Erie County and its 44 municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$10,000 from The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and amend the Department of Health Division of Emergency Medical Services’ 2025 General Fund Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 12720) as follows:

Department of Health
Division of EMS
Fund 110, Funds Center 12720

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
479100	Other Contributions	<u>\$10,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
505000	Office Supplies	\$ 392
505200	Clothing Supplies	3,450
505400	Food & Kitchen Supplies	1,750
505200	Medical Supplies	4,096
530000	Other Expenses	<u>\$ 312</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to implement any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Health, and Division of Budget and Management.