



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 16, 2026

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
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**Re: Authorization to Accept 2024 & 2025 State Interoperable
Communications Targeted (SICG-Targeted) Grant Program Funds**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services requesting authorization to accept \$560,800 in funding from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Dan Neaverth Jr. at the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services. Thank you for your consideration on this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz", followed by a horizontal line.

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Erie County Executive

MCP/crn
Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
Re: Authorization to Accept 2024 & 2025 State Interoperable
Communications Targeted (SICG-Targeted) Grant Program Funds
Date: January 16, 2026

SUMMARY

Legislative authorization is requested to accept \$560,800 in funding from the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the Fiscal Years 2024 & 2024 & 2025 State Interoperable Communications Targeted (SICG-Targeted) Grant Program (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029). This funding will be used to enhance public safety operations by strengthening communications infrastructure, which is critical in emergency situations, and ensuring that public safety personnel are prepared as they respond to calls for service.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for this action is derived entirely from 100% State Aid dollars. No County tax dollars are necessary to support this request.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services has been awarded \$560,800 of NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services funds. This funding is to enhance public safety communications and will do so to broaden and strengthen Erie County's existing communications infrastructure and interoperability by filling identified gaps and adding power back-ups. This funding will provide equipment to communicate with National Interop Sites and with surrounding counties on their National Interoperability Channels during critical incidents or planned events; all of which aligns with a trunked radio system.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services would be required to find other funding sources for the communications equipment to fill gaps in public safety communications.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will work with the Division of Budget and Management to amend the 2026 Adopted Budget amounts.

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

RE: Authorization to Accept 2024 & 2025 State Interoperable Communications
Targeted (SICG-Targeted) Grant Program Funds

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has been awarded \$560,800 in state aid funding to enhance public safety communications, including broadening and strengthening Erie County's existing communications infrastructure and interoperability by filling identified gaps and adding power back-ups through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the 2024 & 2025 State Interoperable Communications Targeted (SICG-Targeted) Grant Program Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services requires legislative approval to accept the State funds and to amend the Adopted 2026 budget; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept this State aid to enhance public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract to accept \$560,800 from NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and be made available as a multi-year grant to Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in Fund 281, Funds Center 1670030 as follows:

Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
2024 & 2025 State Interoperable Communications Targeted (SICG-Targeted) Grant
Program
(HS167SICG2629)
01/01/2026-12/31/2029

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
409000	State Aid Revenues	<u>\$560,800</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$560,800</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	<u>\$560,800</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$560,800</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, these funds will be utilized to ensure that DHSES are able to continue to provide, strengthen and enhance interoperable public safety communications; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Director of Budget and Management to adjust grant appropriations and revenues in accordance with the final grantor funding levels or grantor authorized changes to award amounts, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels and county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to amend contracts as necessary to implement any no-cost extension that may be permitted by the grantor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, Department of law, and Division of Budget and Management.