



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 20, 2026

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

RE: Authorization to Accept New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)'s grant for climate and health adaptation initiatives

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is seeking authorization to accept a grant of \$3,000 provided by the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)'s 2026 Climate and Health Mini Grant, for the purpose of collaboration between the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (ECDEP) and the Erie County Department of Health's Office of Health Equity (COHE) to provide information on heat emergencies, resources, and projects including heat mapping efforts in order to increase awareness of and preparedness for heat emergencies among Erie County residents.

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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cc: Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Health
Re: Authorization to Accept New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)'s grant for climate and health adaptation initiatives.
Date: March 20, 2026

SUMMARY

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is seeking authorization to accept a grant of three (3) thousand dollars provided by the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)'s 2026 Climate and Health Mini Grant, for the purpose of collaboration between the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning (ECDEP) and the Erie County Department of Health's Office of Health Equity (ECOHE) to provide information on heat emergencies, resources, and projects including heat mapping efforts in order to increase awareness of and preparedness for heat emergencies among Erie County residents.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

ECDOH regularly seeks opportunities to collaborate with other departments on projects that affect the public health of communities in the area. This project focuses on preparation and implementation for a program to prevent public health issues resulting from heat waves in the County. ECDOH from time to time is offered such amenities as donations from outside organizations and foundations, as well as with the State.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

ECDOH will not be able to, without costs, be able to complete the cooperative program with the Department of Environmental Planning which will negatively affect the implementation of the program and the ability to evaluate the effectiveness through statistical analysis.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

ECDOH will work with the Department of Environmental Planning on implementation and statistical evaluation of the project.

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) regularly seeks opportunities to collaborate with other departments on projects that affect the public health of communities in the area. This project focuses on preparation and implementation for a program to prevent public health issues resulting from heat waves in the County. ECDOH from time to time is offered such amenities as donations from outside organizations and foundations, as well as with the State; and

WHEREAS, from time to time ECDOH is offered such amenities as donations from outside organizations and foundations, as well as with the State; and

WHEREAS, Authorization to Accept New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)'s grant for climate and health adaptation initiatives for the above purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$3,000 from NYSACHO to enhance the Erie County Department of Health, Health Equity's program regarding climate and health adaptation initiatives and to amend the 2026 Adopted Budget, Fund 110, Fund Center 12700 as follows:

Health Division
Fund 110, Funds Center 12700

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
409000	State Aid Revenues	<u>\$3,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$3,000</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
530000	Other Expenses	<u>\$3,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$3,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED that the Director of Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to implement any budget adjustments as required to comply with the grantor funding requirements; and be it further

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