



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 11, 2026

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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**Re: Authorization to Accept FY23 and FY24 Hazardous Materials Targeted (HazMat)  
and FY 23 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue 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 \$309,807 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 of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/crn  
Enclosure

cc: Daniel Neaverth, Commissioner of DHSES

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services  
**Re:** Authorization to Accept FY23 and FY 24 Hazardous Materials Targeted (HazMat) and FY 23 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program Funds  
**Date:** May 11, 2026

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### **SUMMARY**

Legislative authorization is requested to accept \$309,807 in funding from the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 Hazardous Materials Targeted (HazMat) and the Fiscal Year 2023 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program. This funding will be used to advance the work of these special operations teams through equipment purchases and maintenance contracts which build upon and sustain capabilities of these teams in working toward accreditation standards, but more importantly, for response and life-saving activities during emergency events.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

This funding is derived 100% from 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 \$309,807 of NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services funds. These are to be utilized for eligible equipment and maintenance expenses. As a result of existing threats to homeland security, the federal government through various State agencies has allocated funds to be utilized to improve the ability of local governments to develop, enhance, strengthen, and advance hazardous materials and technical rescue and urban search and rescue responses.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services would be unable to supplement the increasing cost of purchasing and maintaining equipment for such teams to train with and use for life saving in emergency events.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon approval of this resolution, the County Executive will authorize acceptance of the awards and the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will work to expend the grant funding and meet the deliverables of the grants.

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

**RE:** Authorization to Accept FY 2023 and 2024 Hazardous Materials Targeted (HazMat) and FY 2023 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program Funds

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has been awarded \$309,807 in 100% state aid funding to special operations team responses through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the FY23 and FY24 Hazardous Materials Targeted (HazMat) and FY23 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program; 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 accept \$189,800 for FY 2023 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant 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  
FY 2023 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant  
HS167HAZMAT2327  
4/1/2026-08/31/2027

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
409000	State Aid Revenues	<u>\$189,800</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$189,800</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
516030	Maintenance Contracts	<u>\$10,000</u>
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	<u>\$179,800</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$189,800</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$70,007 for FY 2024 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant 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  
 FY 2024 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant  
 HS167HAZMAT2427  
 4/1/2026-08/31/2027

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
409000	State Aid Revenues	<u>\$70,007</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$70,007</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
516030	Maintenance Contracts	<u>\$3,000</u>
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	<u>\$67,007</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$70,007</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$50,000 for FY 2023 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant 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  
 FY 2023 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant  
 HS167TECH2327  
 4/1/2026-08/31/2027

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
409000	State Aid Revenues	<u>\$50,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	<u>\$50,000</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to adjust grant appropriations and revenues include those required to comply with the grantor funding changes provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels or county share amounts; and be it further

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

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