



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 11, 2026

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

**Re: Authorization to Accept the Combined SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet
Readiness 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 \$689,655 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
Brian Ross, Commissioner of CPS

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
Re: Authorization to Accept the Combined SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Program Funds
Date: May 11, 2026

SUMMARY

Legislative authorization is requested to accept \$689,655 in funding from the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the Fiscal Years 2024, 2025 & 2026 Combined SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Program. This funding will be used to purchase the equipment and management services needed to connect the county's PSAPs to both ErieNet and the future NYS ESInet.

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 \$689,655 of NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services funds. These are to be utilized for eligible equipment, maintenance and training expenses. Overall, the project strengthens the emergency response capability by delivering a more secure, reliable, and scalable IP network for mission-critical communications.

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 required in connecting PSAPs to both ErieNet and the future NYS ESInet.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

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

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

RE: Authorization to Accept the Combined SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Program Funds

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has been awarded \$689,655 in 100% state aid funding to special operations team responses through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the Authorization to Accept the Combined SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Program Funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to accept \$689,655 for Combined SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Program Funds 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
SFY 2024, 2025 & 2026 EMERGENCY SERVICES IP NETWORK (ESINet) GRANT
HS167ESINET2630
1/1/2026-12/31/2030

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
409000	State Aid Revenues	<u>\$689,655</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$689,655</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
561410	Lab & Tech Equipment	<u>\$689,655</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$689,655</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, Central Police Services, Department of law, and Division of Budget and Management.