

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

Resolution No. 07-03

APPROVING AN EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF DEFENDANTS

WHEREAS, Chapter 182 of the New York Laws of 2005 created the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”), to serve as a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York, and as a public benefit corporation to “oversee [Erie] County’s budget, financial and capital plans; to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to achieve budgetary savings and to finance short-term cash flow or capital needs; and, if necessary, to develop financial plans on behalf of the County if the County is unwilling or unable to take the required steps toward fiscal stability;” and

WHEREAS, New York State Public Authorities Law (“Public Authorities Law”) section 3957-a provides that the ECFSA shall provide grants to the County for achieving savings through innovations and re-engineering; and

WHEREAS, the County has submitted an application for \$515,000 in efficiency grant funding to subsidize the purchase of 135 electronic monitoring devices, 50 global positioning system (“GPS”) units, and one year of contractual services for the electronic monitoring of criminal defendants; and

WHEREAS, these items and services will aid the County in tracking and monitoring criminal defendants awaiting trial; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA anticipates that successful implementation of this initiative will alleviate recent over-crowding at the Erie County Holding Center, and thereby eliminate considerable cost to taxpayers, while promoting the effective monitoring of accused juvenile offenders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ECFSA hereby grants up to \$515,000 in efficiency grant funding to the County, to be used for the sole purpose of pursuing electronic pre-trial monitoring of criminal defendants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECFSA will not release any portion of the granted funds, unless and until the County submits to the ECFSA a detailed plan providing for the periodic release of funds, contingent upon the County’s achievement of efficiency benchmarks that shall be delineated in such plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECFSA Executive Director send, via first-class mail, copies of this resolution to the County Executive; the County Comptroller; the Chair, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the Clerk of the County Legislature; and the Governor, the Comptroller, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Stanley J. Keysa
Secretary

Date: January 11, 2007