

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

Resolution No. 08-67

APPROVING AN EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY ATTORNEY SPACE BUILD-OUT

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, Section 3957(a) of New York State Public Authorities Law provides that, subject to appropriations during State fiscal years 2006-07 through 2010-11, the ECFSA shall provide grants to the County of Erie (the “County”) to support activities that achieve savings through innovations and reengineering; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive submitted an efficiency grant to save county lease dollars through moving two agencies from rental space into the Rath Building; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this application, the County will move the Clerk’s office from 77 Broadway to the 1st floor of the Rath Building and the County attorney’s Office from 69 Delaware to the 16th Floor of the Rath Building; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA Finance Committee met on July 15, 2008 to discuss the County’s efficiency grant application; and

WHEREAS, on that date ECFSA Finance Committee directed Erie County Officials to provide updated information to justify build-out estimates once responses to RFP’s have been received; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2008 the ECFSA Finance Committee voted to recommend to the ECFSA Board that \$1,772,000 in efficiency grant funding be made available to the County to be used to fund the designated moves; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA anticipates that this space reengineering of the County’s safety operations will result in the savings indicated by Erie County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED based on the recommendation of the ECFSA Finance Committee, the ECFSA hereby grants up to \$1,772,000 to the County in efficiency grant funding to be used for the purpose of funding build-out to relieve the county clerk and county attorney of outside vendor rental costs, consistent with the county’s grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds will be disbursed to the County in accordance with achieving the following benchmarks:

That the county forward relevant bid and cost information to justify the expenditure of \$1,772,000 in efficiency grant monies and bi-monthly progress and financial reports to provide reasonable assurance that the projects collectively and individually are on track to remain within anticipated spending and will achieve anticipated savings in the time periods indicated by the county.

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: July 15, 2008