

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

Resolution No. 08-83

APPROVING AN EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR SIX SIGMA TRAINING

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 the New York Public Authorities Law (“Public Authorities Law”) provides that, subject to appropriations during New York 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 has applied for an efficiency incentive grant (“efficiency grant”) to fund Six Sigma training for relevant county staff; and

WHEREAS, in connection with this application, the County has pledged significant savings to the county and its taxpayers as a result of the Six Sigma program; and

WHEREAS, The ECFSA Finance Committee has voted unanimously to recommend funding in the amount of \$333,661 to continue to support this initiative; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the ECFSA hereby approves an efficiency grant in the amount of \$350,575 for Six Sigma training and hereby authorizes Erie County to enter into contract with the University at Buffalo and/or Canisius College to perform that training for 2008 and 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to this grant, the Six Sigma Director will be required to file quarterly updates with the ECFSA board that forecast and prove discernable savings to the county, its residents and taxpayers as a result of the efforts of this grant and initiative as a condition of receiving continued reimbursements for this item; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECFSA Executive Director shall send copies of this resolution, via first-class mail, 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: September 15, 2008