

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

Resolution No. 09-29

APPROVING AN EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR ERIE COUNTY SPACE UTILIZATION

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 for the services of a Space Utilization Coordinator to take advantage of excess space in county owned buildings to reduce the amount of leased space; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this application, the County has chosen Michelle Mazzone to be its Space Utilization Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA Finance Committee met on May 5, 2009 to discuss the County’s Space utilization efficiency grant application; and

WHEREAS, on that date ECFSA Finance Committee directed Erie County Officials to provide benchmarks for Space Utilization related to this position. Those benchmarks were received on February 1st; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2009, the ECFSA Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the ECFSA Board that efficiency grant funding be made available to the County to be used to fund the designated Space Utilization Position; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA anticipates that the space reengineering will result in cost savings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED based on the general recommendation of the ECFSA Finance Committee, the ECFSA hereby grants up to \$160,000 to the County in efficiency grant funding to be used for the purpose of funding its Space Utilization Coordinator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds will be disbursed to the County in accordance with achieving benchmarks forthcoming from the county to the ECFSA no more than 90 days subsequent to the passage of this resolution:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that One quarter of the annual grant will be disbursed within a reasonable period upon receiving an initial invoice from the county regarding expenses related to this efficiency grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Space Utilization Coordinator is hereby directed to provide an ongoing plan and schedule of true and reasonable Erie county cost savings directly related to the activities of the Coordinator position as a condition of the county receiving reimbursement for said position; and

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: May 5, 2009