

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

Resolution No. 09-31

APPROVING AN EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR SIX-SIGMA IMPLEMENTATION STAFFING

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 implementation of “Six Sigma” methodologies in County government; and

WHEREAS, in connection with this application, the County has identified William Carey to serve as its Director of Six Sigma implementation (the “Six Sigma Director”); and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA Finance Committee (the “Finance Committee”) met on May 5, 2009, to discuss the County’s application for an efficiency grant to fund Six Sigma’s implementation; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2009, the Finance Committee directed County officials to provide benchmarks for the realization of savings pursuant to Six Sigma’s implementation; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2009, the Finance Committee voted unanimously, with one abstention, to recommend to the ECFSA Board of Directors that one year’s salary in efficiency-grant funding be made available to the County to subsidize the Six Sigma Director’s salary for 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the ECFSA hereby allocates up to \$163,334 in efficiency-grant funding for the County to subsidize the Six Sigma Director’s salary for 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Six Sigma 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, pursuant to this efficiency grant, the ECFSA expects the County to achieve the benchmarks to be agreed upon by the ECFSA and the county will provide ongoing, reasonable, verifiable savings estimates as a result of the efforts of this position:

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: May 5, 2009