

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

**RESOLUTION NO. 280 -2016, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING 50% STATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000,000 FOR THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SEPTIC/CESSPOOL UPGRADE PROGRAM ENTERPRISE (SCUPE) ADMINISTERED BY THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND TO EXECUTE GRANT RELATED AGREEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has awarded Suffolk County 50% State grant funds under the Suffolk County Septic/Cesspool Upgrade Program Enterprise (SCUPE) to be implemented by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Division of Environmental Quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (Comp Water Plan) characterized negative trends in the quality of groundwater in recent decades, due to nitrogen contamination resulting from legacy onsite wastewater disposal systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Comp Water Plan linked negative trends in groundwater quality not only to drinking water, but also to surface waters, including significant adverse impacts of nitrogen on dissolved oxygen, harmful algal blooms, eelgrass and other submerged aquatic vegetation, wetlands, shellfish, and ultimately coastal resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Reclaim Our Waters initiative has been established to address nitrogen pollution in the waters of Suffolk County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County SCUPE funds will be used to address nitrogen and pathogen loadings from sanitary wastewater or other sources for the restoration and protection of Suffolk County's water; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant has a start date of 04/01/2014 and ends on 03/31/2019 in which the County will receive 50% State grant funding in the amount of \$4,000,000 for the SCUPE; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 866-2013 transferred funding from Fund 404 to Fund 406 Sewer Infrastructure Program Fund to enhance sewer capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, monies have been identified in Fund 406 Sewer Infrastructure Program Fund to use as the necessary match for this grant; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of these funds, \$166,467, for salaries and fringe have been included in the 2016 Operating Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, \$3,833,533 has not been included in the 2016 Operating Budget and needs to be appropriated; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCUPE grant includes reimbursement of three (3) positions funded in the 2016 Operating Budget: one (1) Associate Public Health Engineer (part-time 50%); one (1) Associate Public Health Sanitarian (part-time 10%); one (1) Environmental Project Coordinator (full-time); and

**WHEREAS**, these positions already exist in 001-HSV-4400 as position numbers 2610-0135 (Associate PH Engineer); 2610-0031 (Associate PH Sanitarian); 2610-0079 (Environmental Project Coordinator); and

**WHEREAS**, four (4) new positions need to be created to carry out these grant activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County SCUPE grant also includes funding for the purchase of two (2) additional vehicles (trucks) for use by field staff for inspections; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase of these vehicles will temporarily increase the fleet of the Department of Health Services by two (2); and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 255 of the Suffolk County Code requires that no vehicle shall be purchased or leased unless explicit approval for the acquisition of such vehicle, via Legislature; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, the County Comptroller be and hereby is authorized to accept \$4,000,000 and appropriate said State grant funds as follows:

SCUPE - \$4,000,000

REVENUES:

Fund	Department	Unit	Revenue Code	Amount
001	HSV	4402	3904	\$4,000,000

ORGANIZATIONS:

Suffolk County Department of Health Services  
 Septic/Cesspool Upgrade Program Enterprise (SCUPE)  
 001-HSV-4402 \$3,833,533

1000-PERSONNEL SERVICES: \$872,034

Fund	Dept.	Budget Type	Unit	Object	Activity	Description	Amount
001	HSV	DEG	4402	1100	0000	Permanent Salaries	\$512,399
001	HSV	DEG	4402	1110	0000	Interim Salaries	\$359,635

2000-EQUIPMENT: \$80,000

Fund	Dept	Budget Type	Unit	Object	Activity	Description	Amount
001	HSV	DEG	4402	2040	0000	Trucks, Trailers and Jeeps	\$80,000

4000-CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES: \$2,461,513

Fund	Dept	Budget Type	Unit	Object	Activity	Description	Amount
001	HSV	DEG	4402	4560	0000	Fees for Services-Non-Employees	\$2,161,993
001	HSV	DEG	4402	4770	0000	Special Services	\$299,520

**Employee Benefits**

8000-EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: \$419,986

Fund	Dept	Budget Type	Unit	Object	Activity	Description	Amount
001	EMP	DE	9030	8330	0000	Social Security	\$66,711
001	EMP	ME	9010	8280	0000	Retirement	\$149,118
001	EMP	DE	9080	8380	0000	Welfare Fund	\$24,173
001	EMP	ODE	9060	8360	0000	Major Medical Claims	\$179,984

Interfund Transfer  
Transfer to Employee Medical Health Plan  
FD-IFT-E039 - \$179,984

9000-INTERFUND TRANSFERS: \$179,984

Fund	Dept	Budget Type	Unit	Object	Activity	Description	Amount
001	IFT	DE	E039	9600	0000	Transfer to Funds	\$179,984

and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the following interfund revenues for Employee Medical Health Plan be accepted as follows:

REVENUES:

Fund	Department	Unit	Revenue Code	Amount
039	IFT		R001	\$179,984

and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that the following positions be and they hereby are created in the Department of Health Services 2016 Operating Budget and funded by the Suffolk County SCUPE grant as follows:

Department of Health Services

<u>Position No.</u>	<u>Spec No.</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>JC</u>	<u>Gr</u>	<u>No.</u>
4402-1000-0001	0360	Contracts Mngmnt Analyst	C	23	1
4402-1000-0005	2130	Asst PH Engineer Trainee	C	19	1
4402-1000-0010	2110	PH Sanitarian Trainee	C	16	1
4402-1000-0011	2110	PH Sanitarian Trainee	C	16	1

and be it further

**4th** **RESOLVED**, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as obligating or committing the County of Suffolk to continue the employment of the individuals filling the positions created by this resolution at the conclusion of the grant funding provided for such positions created by said grant; and be it further

**5th** **RESOLVED**, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute related agreements; and be it further

**6th** **RESOLVED**, that the County Legislature hereby authorizes the increase of the fleet of the Department of Health Services by two (2); and be it further

**7th** **RESOLVED**, the purchase of two (2) vehicles (trucks) for the Department of Health Services is hereby approved pursuant to Chapter 255-2 (b)(6) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE, and in accordance with or exceeding the County Vehicle Standard; and be it further

**8th** **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), N.Y. Environmental Conservation Law Article 8 and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS ("NYCRR") in that the action constitutes routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment. The Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: April 12, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 20, 2016