



January 14, 2026

Joseph Fiegl
Erie County
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Erie County – Track B FAST NY – ESD Project #139,702

Dear Deputy Commissioner Fiegl:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations on Erie County's FAST NY grant and to update you on the next steps in Empire State Development's ("ESD") grant process. Funds have been awarded for the following FAST NY project(s) and will be used as outlined in your original application:

- FAST NY Track B – Pre-Development Grant
- Elma Industrial Corridor Engineering for Wastewater Capacity Improvements – \$500,000 FAST NY grant award
 - Approved for environmental studies, engineering and site design.
- Project Summary – This pre-development project will allow for shovel-ready advancement of engineering services associated with the implementation of sewer and wastewater capacity improvements through the Elma Pumping Station and force main upgrades project. Funding will be used for design and permitting work required to advance the engineering design of the project, thus preparing the corridor for implementation. These infrastructure improvements would more than double the wastewater capacity for the corridor and support the growth of industries with the creation of jobs in advanced manufacturing, in the Town of Elma, New York.
- Track B
- 664 Acres
- Site Industry: Agribusiness; Industrial machinery manufacturing
- Site Activity: Manufacturing
- Total Project Cost: \$1,100,000

Your ESD project manager will continue to reach out to request updates and/or changes to your application (revised timeline and if applicable, State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") update, State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") review information, etc.) This project manager will work with you as necessary to finalize your application.

When your application has been finalized, Erie County's FAST NY project will be presented to the ESD Board of Directors for approval. The Directors meet on a monthly basis. Please note that no project will be presented to the ESD Board of Directors for approval until both the SEQRA and



SHPO reviews have been completed, if applicable. Please also note that there is a one percent (1%) non-reimbursable commitment fee assessed to all awardees based on the grant amount awarded. The commitment fee will be due when the applicant executes documents required for processing the award, following approval by ESD Directors.

ESD's Contractor & Supplier Diversity policies will apply to this project. The Office of Contractor and Supplier Diversity ("OCSD") will assign a Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise ("MWBE") and Service-Disabled Veteran Owner Business ("SDVOB") participation goal to this project. While ESD's agency-wide MWBE goal is 30% and 6% SDVOB, your individual project-specific goal may be higher or lower based on the detailed scope of work, budget, and information on additional sources of funding you provide on the OCSD Grant Budget and Questions. If goals apply, you will be required to use good faith efforts to achieve the goal assigned to this project. Compliance with laws and the policy of ESD prohibiting discrimination in employment on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference, disability, or marital status shall also be required. Please reach out to your assigned OCSD Compliance Manager if you have any questions regarding MWBE utilization requirements.

After board approval, if applicable, all FAST NY projects must go through ESD's public hearing process and subsequently be approved by the Public Authorities Control Board. Once these final steps are achieved, your project manager will send you a signed Grant Disbursement Agreement ("GDA") for execution. Project disbursements may occur after ESD's receipt of the executed GDA and with the submission of the appropriate supporting documentation. As mentioned throughout the application process, payment will be made in lump sum upon project completion on a reimbursable basis.

This award shall terminate two calendar years from the date of this letter if the project has not commenced. Please be aware that ESD may require restrictions on the future use of awarded sites consistent with the purposes of their FAST NY grant terms.

Your Project Manager will reach out shortly to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen M. Utz".

Karen Utz
Western NY Regional Director

CC: Heather Peck, Project Manager
Kelly Forsey, OCSD Compliance Manager
Kristi Schwebke, Director FAST NY
Stephanie Kedzior, Program Manager