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TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

September 24, 2012

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Operation Stonegarden for FY10 and FY11
Immediate Consideration Requested

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Office requesting authorization to accept grants and receive funding from the State of New York Office of Homeland Security in the amount of $190,692 for FY10 and $163,765 for FY11. Funding will be utilized by police agencies within Erie County to increase security of the international border along the Niagara River and Lake Erie.

Please refer this matter for immediate consideration and approval at the September 27, 2012 meeting of your Honorable Body. Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office
Operation Stonegarden FY 10 and FY 11

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded $190,692 for FY 10 and $163,765 for FY 11 to Erie County in funding to increase security along the Canadian border; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office will coordinate with Police Departments from the Village of Akron, the City of Buffalo, the Town of Cheektowaga, the Town of Evans, the Town of Hamburg, the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority, the City of Tonawanda, the Town of Tonawanda and the Norfolk Southern Rail Road Police to conduct joint law enforcement patrols in support of the U.S. Border Patrol's mission of apprehending terrorists and their weapons as they attempt to enter the United States illegally; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for overtime for the participating law enforcement agencies, including the fringe benefits associated with it, and to purchase equipment required to support this program; and

WHEREAS, there will be no impact on County tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislatures does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security to accept funding in the amount of $190,692 for FY10 and $163,765 for FY 11; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into sub-contracts with the participating agencies to reimburse the expenses they incur while participating in the Stonegarden Border Security Operation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding for FY 10 in the Grant Fund 281 and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office
FY10 OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT
October 01, 2010 to September 30, 2013

REVENUE	Increase
SAP Account 414000 – Federal Aid	190,692
TOTAL REVENUE	190,692

APPROPRIATIONS	Increase
SAP Account 501000 – Overtime	33,150
SAP Account 502000 – Fringe Benefits	18,228
SAP Account 505600 – Auto Supplies	9,845

SAP Account 516010 – Contractual Payments	123,107
SAP Account 561410 - Lab & Technical Equipment	6, 362
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	190,692

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding for FY 11 in the Grant Fund 281 and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office
FY11 OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT
October 01, 2011 to September 30, 2014

REVENUE	Increase
SAP Account 414000 – Federal Aid	163,765
TOTAL REVENUE	163,765

APPROPRIATIONS	Increase
SAP Account 501000 – Overtime	29,445
SAP Account 502000 – Fringe Benefits	7,550
SAP Account 505600 – Auto Supplies	16,185
SAP Account 516010 – Contractual Payments	103,490
SAP Account 561410 - Lab & Technical Equipment	7,095
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	163,765

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with State and Federal approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Attorney and the Office of the Sheriff.

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office
Operation Stonegarden FY10 and FY11

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County of Erie to receive funding in the amount of $190,692 for FY 10 and $163,765 for FY 11 from the State of New York Office of Homeland Security for Operation Stonegarden. The mission of Operation Stonegarden is to support the Border Patrol's primary mission of apprehending terrorists and their weapons as they attempt to enter the United States illegally.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

No impact on County Tax Dollars. Funds will provide for all expenses needed to support this program.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Erie County must maintain its commitment to Homeland Security and continue to prevent, respond and recover from acts of terrorism in this region. The Sheriff's Office will conduct coordinated law enforcement activities with area law enforcement agencies to enhance security of the international border along the Niagara River and Lake Erie.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The County will forfeit $354,457 in funding that will support international border and waterway security. An opportunity to coordinate with U.S. Customs and Border to enhance law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the borders of the United States will be lost.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, the County Attorney and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.