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TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

September 24, 2012

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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – FY09 Buffer Zone Protection Program
Immediate Consideration Requested

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to accept funding in the amount of $141,100 from the New York State Office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. These funds have been awarded to the Erie County Sheriff's Office to participate in the Buffer Zone Protection Program and will be utilized to purchase equipment to increase the Sheriff's Office ability to protect high risk critical infrastructure sites.

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
FY09 Buffer Zone Protection Program

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security through the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services established the Buffer Zone Protection Program to help local law enforcement identify and mitigate vulnerabilities at the highest risk critical infrastructure sites; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to prevent and protect the nation from acts of terrorism has awarded $141,100 to the Erie County Sheriff's Office in funding specifically allocated to protecting facilities that have been identified as critical infrastructure and key resource sites within Erie County; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept these funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security to receive $141,100 in grant funding for the Erie County Sheriff's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding in the Grant Fund 281, as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office
FY 09 Buffer Zone Protection Program
April 01, 2009 to March 31, 2013

REVENUE	Increase
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue	$141,100
TOTAL REVENUE	$141,100

APPROPRIATIONS	Increase
Account 561410 – Lab & Technical Equipment	$141,100
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$141,100

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is herby 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 be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office
FY09 Buffer Zone Protection Program

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County of Erie to enter into contract and receive funding in the amount of $141,100 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to participate in the Buffer Zone Protection Program.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

No impact on County Tax Dollars. Funds will provide for specialized equipment to increase the capabilities of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to protect the County's critical infrastructure and key resource sites.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Participation in the Buffer Zone Protection Program is a continuation of Erie County's commitment to Homeland Security and to the protection of the residents of New York State. Equipment necessary to respond to terrorist threats or attacks specific to the identified critical infrastructure and key resource sites will be purchased. All equipment will be approved by the NYS Office of Homeland Security.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The County will forfeit $141,100 in funding that would allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase specialized equipment that they otherwise would be unable to obtain. This equipment is vital to the protecting facilities that have been identified as critical infrastructure and key resource sites within Erie County.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

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