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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 19, 2013

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

**RE: Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory
Byrne/JAG 2013 Firearms Grant**

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to accept funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$83,932.

The funds will allow the Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory to continue to analyze backlogged firearms cases and hire a part-time Firearms Technician to provide support services for the Firearms Section. This will benefit all law enforcement agencies in Erie County.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact John Glascott at the Department of Central Police Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mt
Enclosure

cc: John Glascott, Department of Central Police Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory
Re: Byrne/JAG 2013 Firearms Grant
Date: March 19, 2013

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization to accept the Justice Assistance Grant funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$83,932.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no impact on County funds. The grant is 100% funded by New York State.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The continued employment of Firearms Consultants, use of overtime and the hiring of a part-time Firearms Technician will allow the Forensic Laboratory to continue to provide timely analysis of firearms related evidence.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Erie County CPS Forensic Laboratory has a substantial backlog of firearms/shooting related cases in need of analysis. This initiative is intended to reduce this backlog and to enhance the capacity of the laboratory to promptly analyze items of evidence submitted for these types of investigations. Law enforcement agencies in Erie County continue to submit a large number of firearms and firearms related evidence for forensic analysis.

With JAG 2013 funding, the Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory plans to continue the previously grant funded contract employment of two (2) part-time experienced Firearms Consultants and to hire a part-time Firearms Technician.

Additionally, funding is included for overtime for the existing full-time Firearms Examiners to increase their analytical capacity.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this request would restrict the CPS Forensic Laboratory in its efforts to reduce the number of backlogged firearms cases awaiting analysis and to enhance the operational capacity of its firearm section. Without the approval of the proposed resolution, Erie County will be unable to accept this grant funding.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Central Police Services will work with the Division of Budget and Management to implement this request.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
CENTRAL POLICE SERVICES**

RE: Byrne/JAG 2013 Firearms Grant

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has been awarded funding under the Justice Assistance Grant Program through the U. S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, said funds will enable the Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory to analyze backlogged firearms cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept grant funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$83,932; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided to establish the grant in the budget of the Department of Central Police Services as follows:

Grant Fund – SAP # 165FRMSBACKLOG1314
Central Police Services
04/01/13 – 03/31/14

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
409000 State Aid	\$83,932
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 500010 Salaries Part-time	\$13,032
Account 501000 Overtime	\$21,000
Account 502000 Fringe Benefits	\$4,300
Account 516020 Professional Services Contract	<u>\$45,600</u>
Total Appropriation	\$83,932

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to contract with Michael Dujanovich, 3630 Woodhaven Drive, Hamburg, NY 14075, a qualified Firearms Examiner, in the amount of \$30,780 (\$28.50 per hour) and Mark Shaw, 5519 Hallmark Lane, Lockport, NY 14094, a qualified Firearms Examiner, in the amount of \$14,820 (\$28.50 per hour) to provide forensic laboratory testing services in firearms related cases; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this funding will be used to create the position of one (1) part-time Firearms Technician (Grade 8) in the Department of Central Police Services, (B-100 # 7198); 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 approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the Commissioner of Personnel, and the Department of Central Police Services, attention: Carmen Walling.