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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS
Immediate Consideration Requested

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution, in accordance with the procedures previously approved by Resolution #Int. 23-3 adopted on December 1, 1994, requests the transfer of funds from the Erie County Asset Forfeiture Trust Account to the Sheriff's Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting to allocate funds in the amount of $45,000 for equipment required to support the Police Services Division of the Sheriff's Office. These expenditures meet the criteria established by U.S. Department of Justice for equitably shared funds.

Please refer this matter for immediate consideration and approval at the June 7, 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 - Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS
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WHEREAS, procedures have been established by Resolution #Int. 23-3 adopted on December 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, there are currently $683,890 in funds available for distribution to the Sheriff's Office in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that $45,000 in available balances in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund is hereby transferred to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDED PROGRAM SAFS

REVENUE		Increase
421550	Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	$ 45,000
	Total Revenue	$ 45,000

APPROPRIATION		Increase
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	$ 45,000
	Total Appropriations	$ 45,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that these expenditures meet the criteria established by the U.S. Department of Justice for the use of equitable shared funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office - Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS
Immediate Consideration Requested

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution has been requested by the Sheriff's Office to allocate funds from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account and to establish appropriations into the Asset Forfeiture Funded Program SAFS.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds in the amount of $45,000 will be transferred from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account. There will be no impact on county tax dollars. The current balance of the Trust Account is $683,890.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Appropriated funds will provide for the following:

$25,000 will be utilized for the purchase of Computers and Printers for Detectives giving them the ability to process statements, collect electronic evidence and print reports at the crime scene

$20,000 will be utilized to upgrade the communications capability of the SWAT Team. This equipment will provide direct communication between all levels of government and is compatible with all types of communications systems (VHF, UHF, Cell Phones)

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will prevent the Sheriff's Office from utilizing Seized Asset funds for the purposes mentioned above. The purchase of this equipment will give Detectives immediate access to the tools needed to effectively gather and process evidence during criminal investigations. The state of the art communications equipment requested for the SWAT team has the capability of allowing up to twelve previously incompatible communication systems to be directly connected. This is essential to the safety of our officers as well as the citizens of Erie County.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

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