

June 14, 2018

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 8

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. COMM. 11E-6 (2018)
SHERIFF

WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers Buffalo has been a vital tool for area law enforcement agencies since 1990; and

WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers Buffalo’s mission is to assist law enforcement agencies in efforts to apprehend unwanted individuals and receive tips on unsolved crimes; and

WHEREAS, the success of Crime Stoppers Buffalo has grown to a level where the number of tips received has increased to an amount where the organization is experiencing difficulty reviewing and disseminating the tips in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office plays a lead role in receiving and assigning information to local enforcement agencies and dedicates a Detective to organization and it is therefore familiar with the tip volume and the time needed for the process; and

WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers Buffalo has identified software that can greatly reduce the time spent reviewing and disseminating information while greatly increasing the speed and efficiency of transferring the tips to the proper law enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, the Seized Asset Forfeiture Account balance as of June 1, 2018 is \$306,240.10; and

WHEREAS, the funds transferred from the Seized Assets Forfeiture Account for a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) public service organization is an U.S. Department of Justice authorized expenditure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that up to \$10,400.00 in available balances in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund is hereby transferred to the Erie County Sheriff’s Office Asset Forfeiture Funded Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Sheriff – SAFS Funded Program		
<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>
421550	Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	\$10,400.00
<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
561410	Lab & Tech	\$10,400.00
	Total Revenue	\$10,400.00

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that designated Seized Asset Fund Expenditure meet the criteria established by the U.S. Department of Justice for the use of equitable shared funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this transfer should there be any unforeseen issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Comptroller’s Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make any payments necessary to Crime Stoppers Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Comptroller, and the Erie County Sheriff’s Office for implementation. (5-0)

2. COMM. 11E-16 (2018)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services is responsible for providing public safety through comprehensive emergency management planning, preparedness, training, response and coordination of emergency services resources in Erie County during actual or potential disaster events; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency with administration of the funds through New York State Office of Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 in assistance to plan and exercise for a complex coordinated terrorist attack enhancing the ability of Erie County, City of Buffalo and Niagara County to manage emergency and disaster situations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services requires legislative approval to accept the funds and to establish a grant budget in Fund 281; and

WHEREAS, no County funds will be necessary for Erie County to accept these funds to serve individuals residing in Erie County, the City of Buffalo and Niagara County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to accept US Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency with administration of the funds through New York State Office of Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services grant funds for planning and exercising for a complex coordinated terrorist attack, and enter into contract with a vendor to assist the region to develop a regional exercise focused on a coordinated terrorist attack, and authorizes the Division of Budget and Management to establish a grant as follows:

Erie County Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
Grant Fund 281, Fund Center 1670030
April 10, 2018 – August 31, 2020
HS167CCTA1820

Revenue Increase	
Account 414000 - Federal Revenue	\$250,000

Appropriation	Increase
Account 501000 – OT for EC Personnel	\$50,000
Account 502000 – Fringe for EC Personnel	\$28,210
Account 516010 – Contract Payments/Nonprofit Purch Svcs.	\$45,000
Account 516020 – Professional Service Contracts	\$97,590
Account 505000 – Supplies – Office	\$5,600
Account 505400 – Supplies – Food	\$7,000
Account 510100 – Travel	\$16,600

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues which may be impacted by changes to the grantor award, provided there are no changes to county share amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.
(5-0)

APRIL N.M. BASKIN
CHAIR