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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 21, 2011

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

RE: Central Police Services: 2011 Firearms Lab Backlog Reduction Grant

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to enter into a contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept grant funding in the amount of \$70,000.

The funds will allow the CPS Forensic Laboratory to increase its capacity to analyze backlogged firearms related cases by hiring a qualified Firearms Examiner Consultant and to provide overtime for existing Firearms staff members.

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

Sincerely,

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Central Police Services
Re: 2011 Firearms Lab Backlog Reduction Grant
Date: January 21, 2011

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization to enter into contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept new grant funding in the amount of \$70,000.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Erie County CPS Forensic Laboratory has a substantial backlog of firearms related cases in need of analysis. This initiative is intended to reduce this backlog.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Erie County CPS Forensic Laboratory processes a large number of firearms related evidence for the law enforcement agencies of Erie County. This has resulted in an accumulation of backlogged cases due to staffing shortages. In order to further increase the analytical capabilities of the Firearms Section, it is necessary to hire an experienced and fully qualified Firearms Examiner Consultant and to also perform a portion of these analyses using overtime. Once the backlog is eliminated, it is anticipated that the existing staff will be able to process newly submitted cases in a timely manner.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this request would prevent the Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory from completing the analysis of backlogged firearms cases. 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: 2011 Firearms Lab Backlog
Reduction Grant

WHEREAS, the Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Lab has been awarded a 2011 Firearms Backlog Reduction Grant to be administered by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive to enter into a contract and accept funding in the amount of \$70,000 with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and be it further

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

Grant Fund SAP #165FRMSBACKLOG1113
Central Police Services
01/01/2011 to 03/31/2013

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Increase</u>
Acct. 409000State Aid		\$70,000
<u>Appropriation</u>		<u>Increase</u>
Account 516020	Professional Services Contracts	\$56,002
Account 501000	Overtime	\$12,947
Account 502000	Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,051
Total Appropriation		\$70,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to contract with Michael Dujanovich, 3630 Woodhaven Dr., Hamburg, New York, 14075, a qualified Firearms Examiner, in the amount of \$56,002 (\$28.50 per hour) to provide forensic laboratory testing services in firearms related cases;

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 and the department of Central Police Services, c/o Kathy Gumulak, 45 Elm Street, Buffalo, NY 14203.