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 SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY



October 12, 2011

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

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

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 \$203,000 for the purchase of undercover narcotics vehicles and a landing deck for the Sheriff's Helicopter. These expenditures meet the criteria established by U.S. Department of Justice for equitably shared funds.

I kindly request the Erie County Legislature consider and approve the resolution at its earliest possible session. If your Honorable Body requires any further information, kindly contact the Sheriff's Office and we will be happy to accommodate your request.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
 SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, procedures have been established by Resolution #Int. 23-3 adopted on December 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, there are adequate 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 \$203,000 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

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>Increase</u>
421550	Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	<u>203,000</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>203,000</u>
<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>Increase</u>
561410	Lab & Technical Equipment	31,000
561440	Motor Vehicles	<u>172,000</u>
	Total Appropriations	<u>203,000</u>

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

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 \$203,000 will be transferred from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account. The current balance of the trust account is \$742,150. There will be no impact on county tax dollars.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Appropriated funds will provide for the following:

Commitment Item #561410 – Lab & Tech Equipment - \$31,000

Funds will be utilized for the purchase of a new state-of-the art helicopter landing pad to provide a safe landing surface for the Sheriff's Helicopter.

Commitment Item #561440 – Motor Vehicles - \$172,000

Funds will be utilized for the purchase of vehicles to be used by narcotics personnel in undercover investigations.

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. Further the safety of Sheriff's employees would be compromised if these purchases are not approved. It is imperative that the current landing pad be replaced to provide for a safe and secure landing area for the Sheriff's Helicopter. Undercover narcotics vehicles must be used while conducting investigations and it is critical to the officer's safety that the vehicle cannot be identified as a police vehicle.

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.