



November 1, 2011

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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Explosive Detection Canine Grant
Immediate Consideration Requested

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to receive funding from New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$20,000. These funds will allow the Office of the Sheriff to train an explosive detection canine team and to purchase canine handling equipment and supplies.

Please refer this matter for immediate consideration and approval at the November 3, 2011 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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Explosive Detection Canine Grant

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded \$20,000 to the Erie County Sheriff's Office to attend New York State Police regional explosives detection training and to purchase canine handling supplies and equipment; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept these funds; and

WHEREAS, there will be no impact on County Tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the US Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and to accept funding in the amount of \$20,000; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding in the Grant Fund 281 as follows:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Explosive Detection Canine Grant

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 414000 - Federal Aid	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>20,000</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 510100 - Out of Area Travel	3,500
Account 506200 – Maintenance & Repair	1,000
Account 530000 - Other Expenses	1,500
Account 561410 - Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>14,000</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>20,000</u>

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 Federal and State approved funding levels; and be it further

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

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Explosive Detection Canine Grant

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County of Erie to receive funding in the amount of \$20,000 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for Explosive Canine Detection training and equipment.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

No impact on County Tax Dollars. The Erie County Sheriff's Office will receive funding in the amount of \$20,000 to train a Deputy Sheriff as an explosive detection canine handler and to purchase the supplies and equipment required to meet annual certification requirements.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Erie County must remain committed to Homeland Security and protecting the citizens of Erie County. These funds have been awarded to the Erie County Sheriff's Office to further enhance their capability to prevent, detect and respond to improvised explosive device attacks by acquiring and utilizing an explosive detection canine.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The County will forfeit \$20,000 in funding that would allow a Deputy Sheriff to receive specialized training as a certified explosive canine handler and to purchase the equipment and supplies needed.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

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