

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY



September 9, 2013

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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Bomb Squad Grant for FY11 and FY12

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to accept grants and receive funding from the New York State Office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$78,750 for FY11 and \$78,750 for FY12. These funds will be allocated to the Weapons and Ordnance Division of the Sheriff's Office and allow for specialized training and equipment to enhance the explosive ordnance disposal unit (Bomb Squad).

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy B. Howard", is written over a white background.

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Attachments

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Bomb Squad FY11 and FY12

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded \$157,500 to the Erie County Sheriff's Office in funding specifically allocated to agencies with established Bomb Squads Units; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept \$157,500 in federal resources to provide funds for specialized training and equipment to protect the residents of Erie County and the State of New York from terrorist attacks involving explosive devices; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security to accept grant funding in the amount of \$78,750 for FY11 and \$78,750 for FY12 for the Erie County Sheriff's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding for FY11 in the Grant Fund 281 and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office
FY 2011 Bomb Squad Grant
May 14, 2013 to August 31, 2014

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue	<u>\$ 78,750</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 78,750</u>

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 510100 – Out of Area Travel	<u>\$ 13,750</u>
Account 561410 – Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>\$ 65,000</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 78,750</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding for FY12 in the Grant Fund 281 and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office
FY 2012 Bomb Squad Grant
May 14, 2013 to August 31, 2014

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue	<u>\$ 78,750</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 78,750</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 510200 – Training and Education	<u>\$ 78,750</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 78,750</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 State and Federal approved funding levels: and be it further

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

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Bomb Squad FY11 and FY12

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County of Erie to enter into contract and receive funding in the amount of \$78,750 for FY11 and \$78,750 for FY12 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to be allocated to the Weapons and Ordnance Division of the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

No impact on County Tax Dollars. Funds will provide for specialized training and equipment to enhance the explosive device operations capabilities of the Erie County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Erie County must remain committed to Homeland Security and continue to protect the residents of New York State from terrorist attacks. Use of these funds will allow the Sheriff's Office to maintain a professionally trained and equipped bomb squad. The equipment purchased will further enhance the explosive device response capabilities of the unit.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The County will forfeit \$157,500 in funding that would allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase specialized equipment that they otherwise would be unable to obtain and to receive the advanced training required to remain certified bomb technicians. This equipment and training is vital to the protection of Erie County residents from terrorist attacks involving explosive devices.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

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