



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 20, 2014

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: GIVE Grant – New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to enter into contract and accept grant funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative. The GIVE grant will replace the current IMPACT grant due to expire on June 30, 2014 and will require different staffing and modifications.

The purpose of the initiative is to support firearm and violent crime reduction efforts through a law enforcement partnership which targets high crime areas. The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has awarded Erie County Law Enforcement GIVE funding, in the amount of \$1,671,217, with portions going to the Buffalo Police Department, the District Attorney's Office, Office of the Sheriff, Probation Department and Department of Central Police Services.

This resolution addresses \$471,134 of State funding for the Office of the Sheriff, Probation Department and Department of Central Police Services. The District Attorney's Office, which served as the lead agency for the grant application, will file a separate resolution for their portion of the grant. The Buffalo Police Department funding will be controlled directly through the City of Buffalo.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact the Office of the Sheriff, the Probation Division and the Department of Central Police Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Richard M. Tobe", is written over the typed name of the Deputy Erie County Executive.

Richard M. Tobe
Deputy Erie County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Office of the County Executive
Re: GIVE Grant – New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
Date: May 20, 2014

Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization to enter into contract and accept grant funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative. The GIVE grant will replace the current IMPACT grants due to expire on June 30, 2014 and will require new staffing additions.

Fiscal Implications

State funding in the amount of \$471,134 will be utilized along with \$108,210 of county share. The county share is available and will be obtained from county share budgeted originally for the IMPACT grants in the 2014 budget. No additional county funding is required.

Reasons for Recommendation

The purpose of the initiative is to support firearm and violent crime reduction efforts through a law enforcement partnership which targets designed high crime areas in the City of Buffalo termed “hot spots.” The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has awarded Erie County Law Enforcement GIVE funding, in the amount of \$1,671,217, with portions going to the Buffalo Police Department, the District Attorney’s Office, Office of the Sheriff, Probation Department and the Department of Central Police Services.

This resolution addresses \$471,134 of State funding for the Office of the Sheriff, Probation Division and Department of Central Police Services. The District Attorney’s Office will file a separate resolution for their portion of the grant and the Buffalo Police Department funding will be controlled directly through the City of Buffalo.

Office of the Sheriff

GIVE funding will be utilized to create two positions of Deputy Sheriff Criminal, job group 8. The deputies will be used to ensure that guns are picked up and /or recovered and disposed of properly to avoid the risk of being used for criminal purposes or accidental shootings. Guns belonging to deceased persons, stolen guns, guns from straw purchases, and guns of persons who have been arrested and thus are required to surrender their weapon will be accounted for in the interest of community safety.

Central Police Services (CPS)

GIVE funding will allow CPS to transfer one position of Firearms Examiner I, job group 9, to assist in the identification and prosecution of persons involved in targeted firearm and violent crimes through the review of firearm evidence. The transfer of a Jr. Programmer Analyst, job group 11, will be utilized to provide data to the law enforcement partnership to identify hot spots in the community and persistent violent offenders through the use of technology.

Probation Department

The Erie County Probation Department GIVE grant will transfer two Probation Officers who will establish special weapons caseloads to achieve the goals of reducing shootings and homicides within the City of Buffalo targeted area. Work load will include weapons case supervision, risk assessment, compliance monitoring, home visits, action on violations of probation conditions, conducting debriefings, and information exchange between partners.

Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will prevent the control and reduction of firearm related crimes, shooting and homicides in the City of Buffalo.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

The Division of Budget and Management will work with Central Police Services, the Probation Division and the Sheriff's Office to implement this resolution.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

RE: GIVE Grant - NYS Criminal Justice Services

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services has awarded Erie County Law Enforcement Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) funding, in the amount of \$1,671,217, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the initiative is to support targeted firearm and violent crime reduction efforts through a partnership of state and local law enforcement agencies with portions of the Erie County award going to the Buffalo Police Department, the District Attorney's Office, Office of the Sheriff, Probation Division and Department of Central Police Services, and

WHEREAS, the GIVE grant will replace and expand upon the efforts of the currently budgeted IMPACT grants, and

WHEREAS, this resolution addresses staffing changes and budgets a total of \$471,134 of the State funding for the Office of the Sheriff, Probation Department and Department of Central Police Services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract and accept funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) partnership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for the Sheriff's GIVE grant shall be established as follows:

Fund 281 Grant Fund - GIVE Grant	
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	
Office of the Sheriff - 115GIVE1415	Increase
Revenue	
Acct. 409000 State Aid Revenue	170,238
Acct. 479000 County Share Contribution	45,856
Total Revenue	216,094
Expense	
Acct. 500000 Full Time Staff	120,528
Acct. 500300 Shift Differential	500
Acct. 500320 Uniform Allowance	1,500
Acct. 500340 Line-up Pay	5,216
Acct. 501000 Overtime	4,350
Acct. 502000 Fringe Benefits	82,500
Acct. 510100 Out of Area Travel	1,500
Total Expense	216,094

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to add two Deputy Sheriff Criminal, job group 8, positions to the Sheriff's GIVE grant, effective July 1, 2014, (B-100 7774), and that the currently budgeted position of Detective Deputy in the discontinued IMPACT grant will be deleted effective June 30, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for the Central Police Services GIVE grant shall be established as follows:

Fund 281 Grant Fund - GIVE Grant	
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	
Central Police Services - 165GIVE1415	Increase
Revenue	
Acct. 409000 State Aid Revenue	107,546
Acct. 479000 County Share Contribution	<u>33,321</u>
Total Revenue	140,867
Expense	
Acct. 500000 Full Time Staff	85,437
Acct. 502000 Fringe Benefits	54,680
Acct. 510100 Out of Area Travel	<u>750</u>
Total Expense	140,867

and be it further

RESOLVED, that in order to provide experienced personnel for the Department of Central Police Services GIVE grant, authorization is provided to transfer one Jr. Programmer Analyst, job group 11, currently budgeted in Fund 230 to the CPS GIVE grant, and to transfer one Firearms Examiner I, job group 9, from Fund 110 to the CPS GIVE grant, effective July 1, 2014, (B-100 7749); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to transfer the currently budgeted positions in the discontinued IMPACT grant, effective 6/30/2014, of Sr. Evidence Clerk, job group 8, to the budget of the Department of Central Police Services in Fund 110, and that the IMPACT grant position of Assistant Information System Specialist, job group 11, shall be transferred to Fund 230 in CPS effective July 1, 2014, (B-100 7749); and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for the Probation GIVE grant shall be established as follows:

Fund 281 Grant Fund - GIVE Grant	
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015	
Probation Department - 126GIVE1415	Increase
Revenue	
Acct. 409000 State Aid Revenue	193,350

Acct. 479000 County Share Contribution	<u>32,784</u>
Total Revenue	226,134
Expense	
Acct. 500000 Full Time Staff	120,764
Acct. 500300 Shift Differential	500
Acct. 501000 Overtime	21,500
Acct. 502000 Fringe Benefits	80,464
Acct. 510000 Local Mileage	600
Acct. 510100 Out of Area Travel	1,682
Acct. 980000 DISS ID Billing	<u>624</u>
Total Expense	226,134

and be it further

RESOLVED, that currently budgeted positions of two Probation Officers, job group 11, in the discontinued IMPACT grant shall be transferred to the Probation Department's GIVE grant effective July 1, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust items of appropriations and revenues based on grantor requirements or county share adjustments, provided there are no changes to authorized personnel levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Sheriff's Chief of Administration, the Probation Department, the Department of Central Police Services and the Office of Comptroller.