TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

March 7, 2014

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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office
WNY Enhanced Collaborative to Combat Human Trafficking

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and an accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Office requesting authorization to enter into a contract with the United States Department of Justice to receive funding in the amount of $500,000 to extend for a two year period the WNY Enhanced Collaborative to Combat Human Trafficking Grant.

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

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ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

Erie County Sheriff's Office
WNY Enhanced Collaborative to Combat Human Trafficking

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County Executive to enter into contract with the U.S. Department of Justice to receive funding in the amount of $500,000 and to extend for a two year period the Sheriff's Office Human Trafficking Grant. This will allow the Sheriff's Office to continue a joint project with the International Institute of Buffalo and the United States Attorney's Office of the Western District of New York committed to addressing every type of human trafficking and supporting all victims of this crime.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

No impact on County funds. This program is 100% funded by the United States Department of Justice. The Grant is for a two year period and will be used to fund one (1) Deputy Sheriff Officer Spanish Speaking to act as Program Manager and one (1) Deputy Sheriff Reserve (PT) to assist in training and to purchase the equipment and supplies required to implement the project.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office will partner with the International Institute of Buffalo to enhance and improve the solid foundation of human trafficking investigations, prosecutions and victim services currently operating in the Western District of New York. Coordinated efforts will be made to enhance the community's capacity to identify and report trafficking crimes, increase successful prosecutions and to ensure the safety and support of human trafficking victims.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The County will forfeit $500,000 in funding dedicated to addressing the human trafficking problem in the Western New York area and identifying and assisting the victims of this crime.

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 Department of Personnel, the Office of the Comptroller and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office
WNY Enhanced Collaborative to Combat Human Trafficking

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice has awarded $500,000 to The Erie County Sheriff's Office to combat human trafficking in partnership with the International Institute of Buffalo and the United States Attorney's Office of the Western District of New York; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept $500,000 in federal resources to provide funding for personnel and the purchase of equipment and supplies to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the United States Department of Justice and is authorized to accept funding in the amount of $500,000 for the Erie County Sheriff's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Sheriff's Office is authorized to create one (1) Deputy Sheriff Officer-Spanish Speaking, (B-100 #7695) and to transfer one (1) Deputy Sheriff (Reserve Part Time) Position #51010549 from the current grant #115HUMANTRAFFIC12; 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, for the first year of the grant as follows:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
WNY Enhanced Collaborative to Combat Human Trafficking
March 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015

Revenue	**Increase**
Account 414020 – Miscellaneous Federal Aid	$250,000
Total Revenue	**$250,000**

Appropriation	**Increase**
Account 500000 – Personal Services	57,532
Account 500010 – Part Time Wages	28,298
Account 500300 – Shift Differential	500
Account 500320 – Uniform Allowance	750
Account 500330 – Holiday Worked	1,500
Account 500340 – Line-Up	5,000
Account 501000 – Overtime	30,000
Account 502000 – Fringe Benefits	77,078

Account 505000 – Office Supplies	2,000
Account 505200 – Clothing Supplies	250
Account 510100 – Out of Area Travel	8,500
Account 516020 – Professional Services & Fees	10,000
Account 530000 – Other Expenses	1,700
Account 561440 – Motor Vehicles	24,276
Account 980000 – ID DISS Services	2,616
Total Appropriation	**$250,000**

and it be further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with Federal approved funding levels; and be it further

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