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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

March 5, 2014

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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Air One Port Security Camera

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 Department of Emergency Services.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting to allocate funds in the amount of $45,500 as partial funding to purchase a port security camera for the Sheriff's Air One helicopter. These expenditures meet the criteria established by U.S. Department of Justice for equitably shared funds.

Please refer this matter to the Public Safety Committee for consideration. Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

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ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Air One Port Security Camera

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution has been requested by the Sheriff's Office to transfer funds from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account to the Department of Emergency Services. Said funds will be utilized to match grant funds for the purposes of purchasing a new port security camera for the Office's Air One helicopter.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds in the amount of $45,500 will be transferred from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account to the appropriate grant account in the Department of Emergency Services. The current balance of the trust account is $376,999. There will be no impact on county tax dollars.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office, working in conjunction with Erie County Emergency Services has secured grant funds to purchase a new port security camera for Air One. The camera will be utilized for port security, search and rescue missions and law enforcement interdiction. This money represents the necessary local match to finalize the grant award.

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. The camera will be utilized for port security, search and rescue missions and law enforcement interdiction. Failure to approve this item will prevent the Sheriff's Office from providing those services. The use of seized asset funds reduces the costs of police services to the tax payer of Erie County.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, Emergency Services, the Erie County Comptroller and the Chief of Administration of Sheriff's Office for implementation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Air One Port Security Camera

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

WHEREAS, there are currently $376,999 in funds available for distribution to the Sheriff's Office in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office, working in conjunction with Emergency Services has identified a grant that would allow for the purchase of a new port security camera for Air One, and

WHEREAS, said grant requires a local match of $45,500, and

WHEREAS, there will be no impact on county tax dollars with the appropriation of these funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that $45,500 in available balances in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Fund is hereby authorized for transfer to the appropriate grant fund account in the Erie County Department of Emergency Services as local match for the purchase of a new port security camera for Air One; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to set up the appropriate accounts for the expenditure of said funds for this purpose; 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, the Department of Emergency Services and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff for implementation.