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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Operation Stonegarden for FY 14
Immediate Consideration Requested

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement accept grants and receive funding from the State of New York Office of Homeland Security in the amount of \$75,169.56 for FY 14. Funding will be utilized by police agencies within Erie County to increase security of the international border along the Niagara River and Lake Erie.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact the Office of the Sheriff. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Operation Stonegarden for FY 14

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County of Erie to enter into an agreement and receive funding in the amount of \$75,169.56 from the State of New York State Office of Homeland Security for Operation Stonegarden. The mission of the operation is to support the U.S. Border Patrol's primary mission of apprehending terrorist and their weapons as they attempt to enter the United State illegally.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

No impact on County Tax Dollars. Funds will provide for all expenses needed to support this program.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Erie County must remain committed to homeland security and continue to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism in this region. The Sheriff's Office will conduct coordinated law enforcement activities with area law enforcement agencies to enhance security of the international border along the Niagara River and Lake Erie.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The County will forfeit \$75,169.56 in funding that will support international border and waterway security. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office would lose an opportunity to coordinate with U.S. Customs and Border Patrol to enhance law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the borders of the United States.

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.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Operation Stonegarden for FY 14

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded \$75,169.56 for FY 14 to Erie County in funding to increase security along the Canadian Border; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office will coordinate with police departments from the City of Buffalo, the Town of Cheektowaga, the Town Evans, the Town of Hamburg, the City of Tonawanda and the Town of Tonawanda to conduct joint law enforcement patrols in support of the U.S. Border Patrol's mission of apprehending terrorists and their weapons as they attempt to enter the United States illegally; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used for overtime of the participating law enforcement agencies, including fringe benefits associated with the mission, and to purchase equipment required to support this program; 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 Department of Homeland Security to accept \$75,169.56 for FY 14; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into sub-contracts with the participating agencies to reimburse the expenses they incur while participating in the Stonegarden Border Security Operation; 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 and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office
FY 14 Operation Stonegarden Grant
September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2016

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue	<u>\$ 75,169.56</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 75,169.56</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 501000 – Overtime	\$ 9,165.00
Account 502000 – Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,749.50
Account 516010 – Contractual Payments	\$ 59,753.83

Account 561410 – Lab & Technical Equipment

\$ 3,501.23

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$ 75,169.56

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.