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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 20, 2015

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

RE: Reallocate Grant Positions

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to transfer two positions between two grant programs in order to meet compliance requirements of the U.S. Department of Justice-National Institute of Justice.

The reallocation of positions will allow Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory to maintain current staffing levels and mandatory national and New York State accreditation standards. This will benefit all citizen and law enforcement agencies in Erie County.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner John Glascott at the Department of Central Police Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mp
Enclosure

Cc: John Glascott, Department of Central Police Services

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Central Police Services
Re: Reallocate Grant Positions
Date: March 20, 2015

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization to transfer two positions between two grant programs. The Quality Assurance Coordinator position from the federal DNA Backlog Reduction grant will transfer to the state Aid to Crime Labs grant and a Forensic Biologist II position on the Aid to Crime Labs grant will transfer to the DNA Backlog Reduction grant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no impact on County funds.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The transfer of positions is necessary to be in compliance with the grant requirements of the U.S. Department of Justice-National Institute of Justice. The transfer will allow the Forensic Laboratory to continue to provide timely analysis of DNA evidence and maintain national and state accreditation standards.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On March 2, 2015 the Forensic Laboratory was notified by the NIJ that a condition of the DNA Backlog Reduction Program is that any staff members whose salaries are paid by the grant must spend 100% of their time on DNA related activities.

The Quality Assurance Coordinator does not spend 100% of her time performing DNA related activities and per NIJ, must be removed from the grant. NIJ will allow us to swap a Forensic Biologist II position onto this grant in place of the Quality Assurance Coordinator.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this request would restrict CPS Forensic Laboratory in its efforts to reduce the number of backlogged DNA cases awaiting analysis and to maintain mandatory national and New York State accreditation standards.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Central Police Services will work with the Division of Budget and Management to implement this request.

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: CENTRAL POLICE SERVICES

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WHEREAS, Central Police Services has been awarded a grant by the National Institute of Justice: and

WHEREAS, said funds will enable the Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory to maintain national and New York State accreditation standards and analyze backlogged DNA cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that in order to meet compliance requirements of the U.S. Department of Justice, authorization is hereby provided to adjust grants in the budget of the Department of Central Police Services as follows:

Delete/add the position of Quality Assurance coordinator from grant 165DNABacklog2015 to grant 165AIDCRIMELAB1415

Delete/add the position of Forensic Biologist II from grant 165AIDCRIMELAD1415 to grant 165DNABACKLOG2015

(B-100 #8196); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the costs associated with this reallocation be made retroactive to January 1, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Department of Central Police Services, attention: Kristen Lazarz.