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

Re: Human Trafficking Grant training expenditures – IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Office seeking authorization to pay Niagara County Sheriff's Office from the 2013 Human Trafficking Grant to reimburse the office for Human Trafficking Taskforce training expenses.

I kindly request the Erie County Legislature's consideration and approval at a meeting of your Honorable Body. Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
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Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Human Trafficking Grant training expenditures – IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office is the designated 2013 Human Trafficking Grant administrator for the Western New York Human Trafficking Taskforce and is authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice to pay expenditures of agencies participating in the taskforce.

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Erie County Comptroller's Office and Erie County Sheriff's Office to issue payment to the Niagara County Sheriff's Office for expenses related to Human Trafficking Taskforce training.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

The reimbursement to Niagara County Sheriff's Office will be paid from the 2013 Human Trafficking Grant and have no fiscal impact on the Erie County Budget

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Although the 2013 Human Trafficking Grant did not have provision allowing payments to the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Department of Justice has authorized this reimbursement payment from the 2013 grant fund to support travel expenses and therefore the Erie County Comptroller's Office needs legislative authorization to make a payment to the Niagara County Sheriff's Office.

The Niagara County Sheriff's Office is a new member agency to the taskforce and the training was mandated for the designated representative from that agency.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The Erie County Comptroller's Office would be unable to issue a payment from the 2013 Human Trafficking Grant without legislative approval.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of the approved resolution are sent to the Erie County Comptroller, the County Attorney's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Human Trafficking Grant training expenditures – IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, The Erie County Sheriff's Office is the designated 2013 Human Trafficking Grant administrator for the Western New York Human Trafficking Taskforce and is authorized by the U.S. Department of Justice to use the grant fund to support travel expenses for training expenses; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tahitia Barringer, a representative from the U.S. Department of Justice, has approved the travel expenditures for the Niagara County Sheriff's Office member of the Human Trafficking Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice representative also approved use of the grant fund to support travel expenses for \$1,343.56.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Comptroller's Office and the Erie County Sheriff's Office are hereby authorized to issue payment to the Niagara County Sheriff's Office for the amount of \$1,343.56 for training related expenses associated with the Western New York Human Trafficking Taskforce; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all payments will be paid from budget account #510100 – Out of Area Travel; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature send certified copies to the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the County Attorney's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.