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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 6, 2016

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

RE: NYS DCJS Forensic Laboratory 2016 Grant

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to accept funding from New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$42,649.

The funds will allow the Department of Central Police Services to provide enhancements to the efficiency, effectiveness, reliability, and accuracy of laboratory services which will benefit all law enforcement agencies in Erie County.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Central Police Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Central Police Services
Re: NYS DCJS Forensic Laboratory 2016 Grant
Date: April 6, 2016

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization to accept a New York State Division of Criminal Justice Grant in the amount of \$42,649 for the Department of Central Police Services' forensic crime laboratory.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no impact on County funds. The grant is 100% funded by New York State.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The supplies and training provided with the grant will improve the efficiency, effectiveness, reliability, and accuracy of data with our forensic laboratory.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Laboratory Enhancement Program provides funding to improve the quality of laboratory services by addressing factors that affect efficiency, effectiveness, reliability and accuracy. The funding will serve to improve the Laboratory Information Management System, the identification of synthetic cannabinoids, the use of probabilistic genotyping software for DNA mixture interpretation and the internal validation of current laboratory methods.

The Laboratory uses proprietary LIMS software called the BEAST. This was developed and maintained by Porter Lee Corporation. As such, any programming changes to the software must be done by Porter Lee Corporation.

The Laboratory uses proprietary software called STRmix. This was developed and maintained by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research in New Zealand. Niche Vision is the sole U.S. distributor of the software. Therefore, all U.S. contracts for training on this software must go through Niche Vision.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this request would restrict the Department of Central Police Services in its efforts to provide enhancement to the Forensic Science in our Laboratory.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

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

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
CENTRAL POLICE SERVICES

RE: NYS DCJS Forensic Laboratory 2016 Grant

WHEREAS, the Department of Central Police Services has been awarded funding under the Laboratory Enhancement Program Request through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS); and

WHEREAS, said funds will enhance the efficiency, effectiveness, reliability, and accuracy of laboratory services provided by forensic laboratories in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept grant funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$42,649; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding in grant fund 281, funds center 16500 as follows:

Central Police Services
SAP #165LABENHANCE1617
4/01/16 – 3/31/17

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>
409000 State Aid	\$42,649
<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Increase</u>
501000 Overtime	\$10,353
502000 Fringe Benefits	\$1,101
505800 Med & Health Supplies	\$7,695
516020 Professional Service Contact & Fees	<u>\$23,500</u>
Total Appropriation	\$42,649

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorization is hereby provided to contract with Porter Lee Corp, a sole source vendor, in the amount of \$3,000 from account 516020, to provide LIMS reprogramming and creation of Workload Survey; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to waive the County bidding process, due to sole source vendor and enter into contract with Niche Vision, in the amount of \$20,500 from account 516020, to provide a 2 day in house training STRmix Workshop; 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 approved funding levels; and be it further

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