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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: Youth Detention Security Enhancements

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to transfer funds in the budget of Youth Services in order to provide access control security enhancements at the Youth Secure Detention Facility.

The Youth Services Division wishes to contract with U&S Services to expand the County's existing security management system, originally installed buy U&S. This proposal would improve controls over restricted access in the facility to unauthorized individuals and provide a means for staff to initiate a "help alarm" call with duress buttons installed at the main lobby desk, control room and the intake desk.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Paul Kubala at Erie County Secure Detention. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Commisioner Al Dirchberger, Department of Social Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Youth Services
Re: Youth Detention Security Enhancements
Date: April 6, 2016

SUMMARY

The Department of Social Services Youth Services Division has previously contracted with U&S Services for digital video surveillance system upgrades that provide high quality resolution day/night cameras for zooming and forensic review of incidents. Youth Services wishes to again contract with U&S to enhance the County's existing security management system to include access control at key areas throughout the facility.

This proposal would improve controls over restricted access in the facility to unauthorized individuals and provide a means for staff to initiate a "help alarm" call with duress buttons installed at the main lobby desk, control room and the intake desk.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

$50,000 in available 2015 funds in the budget of the Youth Services Division in account 516020, Professional Services, will be transferred to account 570050, Interfund Transfer to Capital. The budget of capital project A.14018, Security Upgrades Youth Detention, will then be increased by the same amount in order to complete this project.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This proposal would provide higher security and a safer work environment for all staff and residents by restricting access to only pre-authorized individuals and installation of duress buttons at key locations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Division of Youth Services provides secure detention services at the Youth Services Center, 810 East Ferry Street in Buffalo. Alleged juvenile delinquents, under age 16, accused of criminal acts that would be crimes if committed at age 16 or older, and juvenile offenders, also under age 16, but accused of serious crimes, tried in the adult court system, are held at the Youth Services Center.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The increased security measures would provide a safer work environment for staff and residents. In addition, installation of the duress buttons would provide more immediate action in critical, time sensitive situations.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Contract reflecting needed services and funding will be executed.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

RE: **Youth Detention Security Enhancements**

WHEREAS, the Youth Services Division wishes to enhance the Detention Facility's existing security management system; and

WHEREAS, the improved ability to control and restrict access in the facility and the installation of duress buttons at strategic areas would provide greater security and a safer work environment for staff and residents; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Services Division has previously contracted with U&S Services for digital video surveillance system upgrades; and

WHEREAS, Youth Services Division is seeking the consistency and compatibility the use of this vendor will provide and will use New York State contract pricing; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Services Division has available balances within their current budget to contract with U&S Services for access control security enhancements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following 2015 Budget adjustments are hereby authorized for the Division of Youth Services:

2015 Budget - Fund 110
Youth Services Division - Fund Center 12520

Expense		Increase/(Decrease)
516020	Professional Services	(50,000)
570050	Interfund Transfer Capital	50,000
	Total	0

2015 Budget - Fund 410 – Project A.14018
Youth Services Division - Fund Center 12520

Revenue		Increase
	Interfund Revenue	
486000	Subsidy	50,000
Expense		
	Capital Projects	50,000
	Total	0

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to carry forward capital funding for the Division of Youth Series into 2016 for implementation of this proposal, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with U&S Services using New York State contract pricing and sole source authority to provide access control security enhancements at the Youth Detention Facility in the amount of $50,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Social Services, and the Division of Youth Services.