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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
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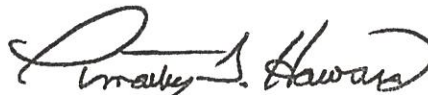
Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Seized Assets Fund Transfer

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to transfer funds from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account to purchase new mobile data terminals for the Detective Bureau.

A representative from the Sheriff's Office will be available at meetings to detail the proposed resolution. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Seized Assets Fund Transfer

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution has been requested by the Sheriff's Office to allocate funds from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account to purchase new mobile data terminals and mount brackets.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Funds in the amount of \$45,000.00 will be transferred from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account. There will be no impact on county tax dollars.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The Sheriff's Office Detectives Bureau needs ten new mobile data terminals (also known as laptops). Currently, Detectives perform most of the report writing and research at desktops. The new laptops would increase the Detectives' work efficiencies and the upgraded software components would allow greater access to information while working away from the office.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will leave Detectives without functional laptops in their vehicles and force the Detectives to return to an office or substation to complete investigations and reports.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Comptroller, and the Sheriff's Office for implementation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Seized Assets Fund Transfer

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office seeks to purchase ten (10) new mobile data terminals (also known as laptops) and vehicle mounting brackets for the Detectives Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Detectives are required to return to their office or to a substation to conduct research and write reports on desktops; and

WHEREAS, the new laptops and upgraded software would allow the Detectives to remain at a scene or away from the office while conducting investigations and provide them means to author reports and do research; and

WHEREAS, as of July 2, 2018, the Seized Asset Forfeiture Account balance is \$307,767.10; and

WHEREAS, the funds transferred from the Seized Assets Forfeiture Account for equipment is an U.S. Department of Justice authorized expenditure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$45,000.00 in the Asset Forfeiture Trust Funds are available and are hereby transferred to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Asset Forfeiture Funded Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transactions are hereby authorized:

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff – SAFS Funded Program

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>
421550	Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	<u>\$45,000.00</u>
<u>APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>INCREASE</u>
561410	Lab & Tech	\$45,000.00
	Total Revenue	<u>\$45,000.00</u>

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that designated Seized Asset Fund expenditure meets the criteria established by the U.S. Department of Justice for the use of equitable shared funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this transfer should there be any unforeseen issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make any payments necessary to complete the purchase of new mobile data terminals and vehicle mounting brackets; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Purchase and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff office for implementation.