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July 9, 2019

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

Re: K9 Safety Kennels - Transfer Seized Asset and Telephone Funds

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to transfer funds from the Asset Forfeiture Trust and the Telephone Revenue accounts to purchase K9 safety kennels.

Representatives from the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Sheriff's Office
Re: K9 Safety Kennels - Transfer Seized Asset and Telephone Funds
Date: July 9, 2019

Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) to transfer \$17,200.00 from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account and \$34,800.00 from Telephone Revenue Account to purchase new in-vehicle safety kennels and two all-weather residential kennels.

Fiscal Implications of Proposal

None to the 2019 budget or the taxpayers of Erie County because the \$52,000.00 needed for the working dogs will be transferred from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account and the Telephone Revenue account for the purchases.

Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) has acquired new canines for the Police Services and Jail Management divisions as well as new vehicles through the county agreement with Enterprise.

The Jail Management Division's K9 unit is currently utilizing 10-year old, reassigned vehicles. These vehicles will be replaced with Ford Explorers, and the current in-vehicle safety kennels do not fit into the new models.

In addition to the Jail Management Division (JMD) K9 kennels, the Sheriff's Office needs to purchase two in-vehicle safety kennels and two all-weather residential kennels for the new working dogs acquired for the Police Services Division.

The Sheriff's Office has adopted an industry standard of police services canines residing out of the handler's dwelling and away from family and family pets. The all-weather kennels provide shelter from the environmental conditions as well as added precautions from visitors and animals interacting with the police work dog.

The ECSO is requesting authorization to transfer \$17,200.00 from the seized asset account to acquire the in-vehicle kennels and residential kennels. The agency is further requesting authorization to transfer \$34,800.00 from the Telephone Revenue Account for the in-vehicle safety kennels.

Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request will prevent the Sheriff's Office from utilizing funds to purchase safety items for the canines, handlers, and the handler's family members and pets.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

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

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Re: K9 Safety Kennels - Transfer Seized Asset and Telephone Funds

WHEREAS, due to industry standards as well as the safety of the Police Services Deputy's family and pets, the Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) is seeking to acquire two all-weather kennels for the new law enforcement working dogs; and

WHEREAS, with the addition of two new K9s, the ECSO needs to purchase two in-vehicle kennels for the handler vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office seeks to transfer \$17,200.00 from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account to purchase two in-vehicle and two residential kennels for Police Services K9 handlers; and

WHEREAS, the balance of the Asset Forfeiture Trust account as of July 8 is \$504,376.00; and

WHEREAS, the ECSO is currently utilizing four vehicles that have been reassigned to the Jail Management Division's K9 Unit that are approximately 10-years old; and

WHEREAS, the in-vehicle kennels and equipment cannot be utilized in the new Ford Explorers body style, and therefore, the ECSO must purchase new in-vehicle kennels as the county upgrades its fleet through the Enterprise agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office also seeks to transfer \$34,800.00 from the Telephone Revenue Account to purchase in-vehicle kennels and necessary installation parts for the Jail Management Division K9 handler vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Telephone Revenue Account has a balance of \$730,924.00 as of July 8 and the Sheriff's Office is authorized to utilize these funds for facilities and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Erie County and the County Executive agree that this expenditure is appropriate for the safety and protection of the Jail Management Division K9 Unit; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will not have any fiscal impact on the 2019 County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Division of Budget and Management to transfer \$17,200.00 from the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account #421550 to account #561410 (Lab and Tech):

**ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Sheriff – SAFS Funded Program**

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>
421550	Forfeiture Crime Proceeds	<u>\$17,200.00</u>
 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>		 <u>INCREASE</u>
561410	Lab & Tech	\$17,200.00
	Total Revenue	<u>\$17,200.00</u>

; and be it further

RESOLVED, the designated Seized Asset Fund expenditure meets the criteria established by the U.S. Department of Justice Equitable Shared Funds use; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Division of Budget and Management are authorized to have any unused funding either remain in the designated account or returned to the Asset Forfeiture Trust Account; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Division of Budget and Management to transfer \$34,800.00 from the Telephone Revenue Account to account #561410 (Lab and Tech):

ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff – Telephone Revenue Account

<u>REVENUE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>
415622	Telephone Revenue	<u>\$34,800.00</u>
 <u>APPROPRIATION</u>		 <u>INCREASE</u>
561410	Lab & Tech	\$34,800.00
	Total Revenue	<u>\$34,800.00</u>

; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Sheriff of Erie County and the County Executive agree that the purchase of new in-vehicle safety kennels for the Jail Management Division complies with COMM. 6E-24, 2013, and is an allowable, appropriate expenditure which enhances the safety of the facilities, its staff, the working dogs, and the inmates; 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 necessary purchases; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Finance, Division of Purchasing, and the Sheriff's Office for implementation.