February 27, 2020

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4

### ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. CHAIR BASKIN PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

#### 1. COMM. 4E-16 (2020)

#### COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office Toxicology Laboratory performs vital analysis of human fluid samples for post-mortem cases, DUIs, and those who have been poisoned including with "date-rape" drugs; and

WHEREAS, the results of testing from the Toxicology Laboratory is important evidence in criminal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the highest standards of testing is critical to the successful operation of the laboratory; and

WHEREAS, newly evolving accreditation standards necessitate the training and certification of all Toxicology Laboratory employees; and

WHEREAS, thanks to a successful grant application funding is available from the National Institute of Justice to help the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office meet new international accreditation standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Department of Health is authorized to receive a grant award and enter into contract with the National Institute of Justice in the amount of \$180,000 to be budgeted as follows:

# Erie County Department of Health Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant 127NAFRCOMP2020 1/1/20-12/31/20

SAP	REVENUE		BUDGET
414000 Federal Aid			\$180,000
		TOTAL	<u>\$180,000</u>
SAP	EXPENSES		BUDGET
501000 Overting	ne		\$21,929
502000 Fringe	Benefits		\$5,484
561410 Lab & Technical Equipment			\$121,100
510100 Out of Area Travel		\$21,438	
912740 ID Med	dical Examiner Services		\$2,849
510200 Trainin	g and Education		<u>\$7,200</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$180,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner in the Erie County Health Department, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Rath Building. (6-0)

HOWARD J. JOHNSON, JR. CHAIR