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## SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

February 26, 2025

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The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202

**Re: Houses of Healing Contract**

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization for the Sheriff and County Executive to enter into an agreement with Peaceprints of Western New York to continue providing "Houses of Healing" curriculum for the incarcerated population of the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility.

Representatives of the Erie County Sheriff's Office will be made available upon request to answer any questions you may have.

Very Yours Truly,

  
John C. Garcia  
Sheriff of Erie County

Attachments

## MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Erie County Sheriff's Office  
Re: Houses of Healing Contract  
Date: February 26, 2025

### Summary of Recommended Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office recommends authorization of a three (3) year contract with Peaceprints of Western New York to provide a program coordinator who will facilitate the implementation of out-of-cell trauma-informed therapeutic programming. This curriculum is called "Houses of Healing." The amount of the contract is not to exceed \$25,000.01 per year.

### Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Commissary funds will be used to pay for this program. As of January 31, 2025, the commissary account has a balance of \$712,979.58.

### Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office is responsible for offering programming to the incarcerated population of the Jail Management Division. The coordinator provided by this agreement will implement the "Houses of Healing" curriculum to address criminogenic needs of anger, hostility, criminal thinking, emotional stability, family, parenting and relationships.

### Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve the contract renewal will result in the abatement of this programming.

### Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

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

**Re: Houses of Healing Contract**

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office wishes to provide out-of-cell trauma-informed therapeutic programming to promote the development of incarcerated individuals in the custody of the Jail Management Division; and

WHEREAS, Peaceprints of Western New York has adopted the "Houses of Healing" curriculum to aid in the rehabilitation of incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, under this agreement, Peaceprints of Western New York will employ and assign a qualified program coordinator to implement the Houses of Healing curriculum at the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, commissary funds will be used to pay for this programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Sheriff and County Executive to enter into an agreement with Peaceprints of Western New York, 1001 E. Delavan Ave., Buffalo, New York 14215 for a program coordinator to implement the "Houses of Healing" curriculum at the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, the term shall be for three (3) years, commencing on April 1, 2025 and terminating on March 31, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, the amount of the agreement shall not exceed \$25,000.01 per year; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated