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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

March 7, 2025

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

Re: Acceptance of SNI Donation

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum authorizing the Erie County Sheriff's Office to accept a donation from the Seneca Nation of Indians in the amount of \$19,000. This funding will be used to purchase a narcotics detection K-9 and related costs to upfit the vehicle of the K-9's handler.

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: Acceptance of SNI Donation
Date: March 7, 2025

Summary of Recommended Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office requests that this Honorable Body authorize the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$19,000 from the Seneca Nation of Indians. This resolution further allocates the \$19,000 in the 2025 Erie County Budget as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office
Police Services Division
Fund 110, Funds Center 11510

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
530000 – Other Expenses	\$10,000
505600 – Auto, Truck, Heavy Equipment Supplies	\$9,000
 <u>REVENUES</u>	 <u>INCREASE</u>
420499 – Other Local Source Revenue	\$19,000

This funding will be used to purchase a narcotics detection K-9 for the Erie County Sheriff's Office. The remainder of the funding will be used to upfit the patrol vehicle of the deputy assigned to be the K-9's handler.

The resolution further authorizes engagement with High Drive K-9, Inc. for the purchase of a K-9 and Empire Emergency Apparatus for the upfit for a patrol vehicle.

Fiscal Implications of the Proposal

This resolution has no impact on county tax dollars.

Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office takes seriously the responsibility to patrol part of the Seneca Nation of Indians' Cattaraugus Territory. The Erie County Sheriff's Office and Seneca Nation of Indians share a commitment to diligently combatting drug trafficking in sales across the Territory and Erie County as a whole. The use of narcotics detection K-9s has proven an effective method to combat this issue.

Consequences of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office would be unable to accept this donation and add to its K-9 Unit.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

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

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Re: Acceptance of SNI Donation

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, Police Services Division is responsible for patrolling a portion of the Seneca Nation of Indians' Cattaraugus Territory in the southwest portion of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Seneca Nation of Indians share a commitment to disrupting drug trafficking and drug sales; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office utilizes narcotic detection K-9s as a crucial element of its strategy to address the drug trade across the county; and

WHEREAS, in continuation of these efforts, the Seneca Nation of Indians has generously offered to contribute \$19,000 to the Erie County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, this money will be used to purchase a narcotics detection K-9 and upfit the patrol vehicle of the deputy who will be assigned as the K-9's handler; and

WHEREAS, no additional county funding will be required to complete this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Sheriff's Office is authorized to accept a donation in the amount of \$19,000 from the Seneca Nation of Indians; and be it further

RESOLVED, the funding shall be allocated in the 2025 Erie County Budget as follows:

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Police Services Division
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and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Purchase is authorized to create the necessary documents for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to purchase a K-9 from High Drive K-9, Inc., 1710 Cannon Bottom Road, Belton, SC 29627; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Purchase is authorized to create the necessary documents for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to engage Empire Emergency Apparatus, 3995 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14305 for the upfit of an Erie County Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby waives the procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for the purpose of securing the purchase orders with High Drive K-9, Inc. and Empire Emergency Apparatus; and be it further

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

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated