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## SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

September 19, 2025

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St.  
Buffalo, NY 14202

**Re: Acceptance of Seneca Nation Tip Line (SNTL) Grant**

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to enter into agreement with the Seneca Nation of Indians to accept the Seneca Nation Tip Line (SNTL) Grant.

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

Very Truly Yours,

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 Seneca Nation Tip Line (SNTL) Grant  
Date: September 19, 2025

### Summary of Recommended Action

This resolution authorizes Erie County and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with the Seneca Nation of Indians to accept a grant in the amount of \$110,000.00 over the next two years to operate the Seneca Nation Tip Line (SNTL). This tip line will be operated by the Erie County Sheriff's Office. The phone and phone line will be provided by the Seneca Nation. The tip line will be available to residents of the Seneca Nation's Cattaraugus Territory. Through it, they can report crimes and other matters of concern. Tips will be referred to relevant agencies and investigated by the Erie County Sheriff's Office as appropriate.

### Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Acceptance of this grant has no impact on county tax dollars. Payments of \$13,750.00 will be disbursed by the Seneca Nation and accepted by the Erie County Sheriff's Office in quarterly installments no later than the end of each quarter during the duration of the 2-year grant term. A grant package will be created in Fund 281. No additional jobs will be created as part of this grant package. For each of the two years of the grant's duration, \$51,100.00 will be allocated to 501000-Overtime, \$2,500.00 will be allocated to 510100-Out of Area Travel, and \$1,000.00 will be allocated to 510200-Training and Education, and \$400.00 will be allocated to 530000-Other Expenses.

### Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office is responsible for patrolling part of the Seneca Nation of Indian's Cattaraugus Territory. This Office values a productive working relationship with the Seneca Nation's leadership, which sees value in a tip line that is available to its residents and operated by Erie County Sheriff's Deputies. We concur.

### Consequence of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office will forfeit \$110,000.00 in grant funding to operate the Seneca Nation Tip Line.

### Steps Following Approval of Measure

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

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

**Re: Acceptance of Seneca Nation Tip Line (SNTL) Grant**

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 is responsible for patrolling part of the Seneca Nation of Indian's Cattaraugus Territory; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Nation of Indians' government is interested in creating a tip line that is available for its residents to report crime and other matters of concern; and

WHEREAS, the Seneca Nation of Indians has requested that the Erie County Sheriff's Office operate such a tip line and has offered to grant the Erie County Sheriff's Office a sum of \$110,000.00 over the course of two (2) years to operate the tip line; and

WHEREAS, both the Seneca Nation of Indians and the Erie County Sheriff's Office expect that this tip line will assist in gathering valuable intelligence that deputies may act on;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into an agreement with the Seneca Nation of Indians to accept \$110,000.00 to operate the Seneca Nation Tip Line (SNTL); and be it further

RESOLVED, the funding shall be established in the budget as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office  
Seneca Nation Tip Line (SNTL) Grant  
Fund 281, Funds Center 11510  
October 15, 2025 - October 14, 2027  
115SNTL2527

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
501000-Overtime	\$102,200
510100-Out of Area Travel	\$5,000
510200-Training and Education	\$2,000
<u>530000-Other Expenses</u>	<u>\$800</u>
TOTAL	\$110,000

  

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
<u>420499-Other Local Source Revenue</u>	<u>\$110,000</u>
TOTAL	\$110,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to adjust grant appropriations and revenues in accordance with the grantor funding levels or grantor-authorized changes to award amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Director of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

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

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated