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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

September 30, 2025

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

Re: FY22 Explosive Detection Canine Grant

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to accept grants and receive funding from the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) in the amount of \$60,000.00 for FY22. These funds will be allocated to the Special Operations Division of the Sheriff's Office and allow for specialized training and equipment to enhance the explosive detection canine unit (K9 Unit).

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

Yours Very Truly,

John G/Garcia

Sheriff of Erie County

Attachments

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature

From: Erie County Sheriff's Office

Re: FY22 Explosive Detection Canine Grant

Date: September 30, 2025

Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County of Erie to enter into contract and receive funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to be allocated to the Special Operations Division of the Erie County Sheriff's Office. Funds will be used to purchase an Explosive Detection K9, a kennel insert, an environmental monitoring system, other equipment and training.

Fiscal Implications of Proposal

There is no impact on County Tax Dollars. Funds will provide for specialized training and equipment to enhance the explosive detection operational capabilities of the Erie County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit.

Reasons for Recommendation

Erie County must remain committed to Homeland Security and continue to protect the residents of New York State from terrorist attacks. Use of these funds will allow the Sheriff's Office to maintain a professionally trained and equipped explosive detection canine unit. The equipment purchased will further enhance the explosive detection capabilities of the unit.

Consequence of Negative Action

The County will forfeit \$60,000.00 in funding.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

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

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Re: FY22 Explosive Detection Canine 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 US Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYSDHSES) has awarded \$60,000.00 to the Eric County Sheriff's Office in funding specifically allocated to agencies with Explosive Detection Canine Units; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept \$60,000.00 to provide funds for specialized training and equipment to protect the residents of Erie County and the State of New York from terrorist attacks involving explosive devices; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the grant application the Erie County Sheriff's Office must submit a specific list of training modules and the NYSDHSES approved consultants; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDHSES must approve the training vendors prior to the award of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the NYSDHSES approved training and vendors for this grant are as follows:

D-Co, Leaders and Training

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive and Sheriff are authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$60,000.00 as part of the Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program for FY22; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding for FY22 in the Grant Fund 281 and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office FY 2022 Explosive Detection Canine Grant August 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026 HS115CANINE2022

 REVENUE
 Increase

 414000 Federal Revenue
 \$ 60,000.00

 TOTAL REVENUE
 \$ 60,000.00

APPROPRIATIONS Increase
561410 Lab & Technical Equipment \$15,500.00
510200 Training and Education \$29,500.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, the Purchasing Director is authorized to create the necessary documents for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to engage with D-Co, Leaders and Training LLC, 26 Pinecrest Plaza, Southern Pines, NC for training associated with this grant in an amount not to exceed \$29,500.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with State and Federal approved funding levels; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that certified copies be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff.

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated