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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

September 30, 2025

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

Re: FY24 ICJR Grant Acceptance

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum authorizing Erie County and the Sheriff's Office to accept the FY24 Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant from the New York State Unified Court System.

Representatives of the 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: FY24 ICJR Grant Acceptance
Date: September 30, 2025

Summary of Recommended Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office recommends the acceptance of the FY2024 Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant in an amount not to exceed \$99,796.00. This is federal funding administered through the New York State Unified Court System. Most of this grant will cover personnel costs for existing employees. These deputies will work with police and court personnel to ensure the transmission of documents and support enforcement of firearm directives. The remainder of the revenues will be appropriated for travel and indirect fees. The Erie County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo, Child and Family Services, Bury the Violence of Buffalo and the Center for Justice Innovation on this initiative.

Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Acceptance of this grant has no impact on county tax dollars. There are no new county jobs associated with the acceptance of this grant.

Reason for Recommendation

The Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant Program aims to coordinate services to ensure victim safety. This program develops, revitalizes and enhances a coordinated community response that brings together criminal justice agencies, victim service providers and community-based organizations that assist domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims. Acceptance of this funding will allow the Erie County Sheriff's Office to participate in this initiative.

Consequence of Negative Action

The County will forfeit \$99,796.00 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: FY24 ICJR Grant Acceptance

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 New York State Unified Court System has awarded the Erie County Sheriff's Office \$99,796.00 in funding through the Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this program aims to bring law enforcement agencies, victim service providers and community-based organizations together to assist domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office will partner with Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo, Child and Family Services, Bury the Violence of Buffalo and the Center for Justice Innovation on this initiative; and

WHEREAS, no additional county funding is required to participate in this collaboration;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the County Executive and Sheriff are authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Unified Court System to accept \$99,796.00 as part of the Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Grant Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Director of Budget and Management shall establish funding in Grant Fund 281, Funds Center 11510 as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office
FY 2024 ICJR Grant
October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2027
115ICJR2427

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
501000 – Overtime	77,273
502000 – Fringe Benefits	11,591
510000 – Local Mileage	1,860
<u>530000 – Other Expenses</u>	<u>9,072</u>
TOTAL	99,796
 <u>REVENUES</u>	 <u>INCREASE</u>

414000 – Federal Revenue	99,796
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>99,796</u>

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