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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

October 28, 2025

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

Re: Correctional Health Budget Reallocations

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the Erie County Sheriff's Office, Correctional Health Division to adjust its budget to cover the increased cost of agency nursing staffing, pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies.

Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be 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: Correctional Health Budget Reallocations
Date: October 28, 2025

Summary of Recommended Action

This proposed resolution requests authorization for the Erie County Sheriff's Office to transfer \$280,000.00 from Account 500000 – Full Time Salaries to the following Accounts within the Correctional Health Division operating budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 11650):

516020 - Professional Services Contracts and Fees (\$250,000.00)
505800 – Medical and Health Supplies (\$30,000.00)

Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Due to vacancy savings, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has sufficient funding within its budget to cover this transfer. Through August, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Correctional Health Division has realized a full-time salary vacancy savings of \$747,229.20 for FY25.

Reasons for Recommendation

On occasion, the Erie County Sheriff's Office is required to rely on contracted nurses to provide services within the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility. This is largely due to unfilled budgeted nursing positions within the Sheriff's Office. The Correctional Health Division must increase its Professional Services Contracts and Fees allotment to cover the costs for the contracted nurses.

As a result of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's inability to accept state-ready and parole-violating incarcerated individuals in a timely manner through much of 2025, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management Division incarcerated individual census has been inflated. Because more individuals have been held in Erie County Sheriff's Office custody, our medical supply budget account is nearing depletion. We must transfer \$30,000.00 into this budget account to cover the cost of pharmaceuticals and other supplies for the remainder of 2025.

Consequences of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office will not have the necessary funds to pay for contracted nursing services and medical supplies at the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

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

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Re: Correctional Health Budget Reallocations

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, Correctional Health Division is responsible for providing medical care for Incarcerated Individuals within the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Correctional Health Division utilizes contracted nurses through Supplemental Health and Pinnacle Travel Staffing; and

WHEREAS, the increased reliance on contracted agency nurses has resulted in an increased cost associated with the service; and

WHEREAS, due to the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's inability to accept transfers in a timely manner, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management Division's census has been inflated through much of 2025; and

WHEREAS, due to the increased count of incarcerated individuals, the Erie County Sheriff's Office Correctional Health Division is on pace to exceed its budgeted medical supply amount for 2025; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding exists elsewhere within the existing Correctional Health Division budget to cover those costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the following budget adjustment within the Erie County Sheriff's Office, Correctional Health Services Division budget (Fund 110, Fund Center 11650):

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
500000 – Full Time – Salaries	\$280,000.00
 <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	 <u>INCREASE</u>
516020 – Professional Services Contracts and Fees	\$250,000.00
505800 – Medical and Health Supplies	\$30,000.00

and be it further

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

RESOLVED, certified copies shall be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Office of the Comptroller and Erie County Sheriff's Office for implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT: As indicated