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## SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

April 23, 2026

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

**Re: FY23 Bomb Squad Grant**

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to enter into an agreement to accept the Bomb Squad Grant from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for FY23.

Representatives of my office will be made available to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Garcia". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John C. Garcia  
Sheriff of Erie County

Attachments

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Erie County Sheriff's Office  
**Re:** FY23 Bomb Squad Grant  
**Date:** April 23, 2026

### 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 \$155,000 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to be allocated to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad.

### Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Acceptance of this funding has no impact on county tax dollars.

### 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 bomb squad. More specifically, this funding will be used to replace outdated bomb suits and x-ray systems and purchase a new robotic platform. The equipment purchased will further enhance the explosive device response capabilities of the unit.

### Consequence of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office would forfeit \$155,000 in funding from New York State for the Bomb Squad.

### 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: FY23 Bomb Squad 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 U.S. Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has awarded \$155,000 to the Erie County Sheriff's Office in funding specifically allocated to agencies with established Bomb Squads Units; and

WHEREAS, this funding will be used to purchase necessary equipment for the Erie County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad; and

WHEREAS, authorization is required from the Erie County Legislature for the County Executive to enter into contract and accept \$155,000 in federal resources to provide funds for specialized equipment to protect the residents of Erie County and the State of New York from terrorist attacks involving explosive devices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into contract with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept grant funding in the amount of \$155,000 for FY23; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding for FY21 in the Grant Fund 281 and budget those funds as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office  
FY 2023 Bomb Squad Grant  
April 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue	<u>\$ 155,000.00</u>
 <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	 <u>Increase</u>
Account 561410 - Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>\$ 155,000.00</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 Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate 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