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April 27, 2026

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

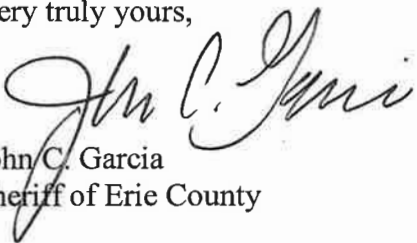
Re: FY24 Bomb Squad Grant

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 FY24.

Representatives of my 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 Bomb Squad Grant
Date: April 27, 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 \$44,014 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to be allocated to the Erie County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad. The resolution further authorizes engagement with Improvised Electronics LLC for Explosive Ordnance Disposal 3D Printing training, consistent with this grant award.

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 More specifically, this funding will be used to replace outdated ballistic helmets and purchase new tactical bomb tech tool kits. The funding will also be used to enroll Bomb Squad personnel in a 3D printing course, which enables the bomb techs to design and modify parts and tools needed for Explosive Ordnance Disposal calls.

Consequence of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office would forfeit \$44,014 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: FY24 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 \$44,014 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 and training 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 \$44,014 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; and

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 \$44,014 for FY24; 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 2024 Bomb Squad Grant
April 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 414000 – Federal Revenue	<u>\$ 44,014.00</u>
<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Account 561410 - Lab & Technical Equipment	<u>\$ 34,014.00</u>
Account 510200 – Training and Education	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Division of Purchase are hereby

authorized to execute purchasing with Improvised Electronics LLC for Explosive Ordnance Disposal 3D Printing training.; 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