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## SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

April 27, 2026

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202

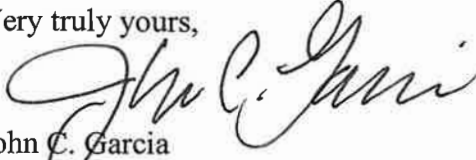
**Re: 2026 Canal Patrol Grant**

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Canal Corporation to accept a grant in the amount of \$40,000.

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: 2026 Canal Patrol Grant  
Date: April 27, 2026

### Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into an agreement to receive a \$40,000 grant from the New York State Canal Corporation. Funding will be utilized by the Erie County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit for additional navigation law enforcement, waterway safety and boater education on and around the Erie Barge Canal.

### Fiscal Implications of Proposal

This resolution has no impact on county tax dollars.

### Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit is responsible for patrolling parts of Lake Erie, the Niagara River, the Erie Barge Canal and other waterways along more than 90 miles of Erie County shoreline. The Marine Unit is instrumental in maintaining safe waterways by enforcing navigation laws and educating the boating public. This grant will provide the Sheriff's Office additional resources to patrol along the Erie Barge Canal.

### Consequences of Negative Action

The county will forfeit \$40,000 in funding to support the Erie County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit's patrol of the Erie Barge Canal.

### Steps Following Approval of Measure

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

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:**  
**ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Re: 2026 Canal Patrol 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 Erie County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit is responsible for patrolling parts of Lake Erie, the Niagara River, the Erie Barge Canal and other waterways along more than 90 miles of Erie County shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Unit is instrumental in maintaining safe waterways by enforcing navigation laws and educating the boating public; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Canal Corporation has awarded the Erie County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit \$40,000 in funding; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires review and approval by the Canal Corporation, Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the State Comptroller for all submitted requisitions; and

WHEREAS, this grant will provide the Erie County Sheriff's Office with additional resources to increase patrols along the Erie Barge Canal; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will have no impact on county tax dollars,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into a contract with the New York State Canal Corporation to accept \$40,000.00 for increased marine patrols on and near the Erie Barge Canal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is provided to the Division of Budget and Management to establish funding in Fund Center 11510 as follows:

Erie County Sheriff's Office  
FY 26-27 NYS Canal Corp. Grant  
April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

<u>REVENUE</u>	INCREASE
Account 409020 – Miscellaneous State Aid	\$40,000

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	INCREASE
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Account 501000 – Overtime

\$40,000

and be it further

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

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

FISCAL IMPACT: As indicated