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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

July 6, 2026

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

Re: FY2025 Operation Stonegarden Grant

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to allow Erie County and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to accept the FY2025 Stonegarden Grant and enter into agreements with participating agencies.

Representatives of my Office will be made available upon request 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: FY2025 Operation Stonegarden Grant
Date: July 6, 2026

Summary of Recommended Action

This proposed resolution requests authorization for Erie County and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement and receive funding in the amount of \$243,000.00 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for Operation Stonegarden (OPSG). It also authorizes subcontracts with participating municipalities.

Fiscal Implications of Proposal

There are no implications on county tax dollars.

Reasons for Recommendation

The mission of OPSG is to enhance cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies to secure the United States' borders. The Erie County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit works closely with federal partners to provide homeland security and prevent and respond to illegal entry. The funding provided in this grant enhances law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the northern border.

Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this resolution will result in the Erie County Sheriff's Office and participating partner agencies forfeiting \$243,000.00 in funding to support northern border security.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

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

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

Re: FY2025 Operation Stonegarden Grant

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, has awarded \$243,000.00 for FY2025 to Erie County to increase security along the northern border; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office will coordinate with police agencies in the cities of Buffalo and Tonawanda and the towns of Lancaster, Hamburg, and Evans; and

WHEREAS, these patrols support the U.S. Border Patrol's mission of protecting the international borders from human trafficking and illegal drug operations, as well as apprehending terrorists and others intent on conducting illegal activities on U.S. soil; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used for overtime and fringe benefits of the participating law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, this resolution accepts \$243,000.00 in grant funding and will provide all expenses needed to support this program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and Sheriff to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$243,000.00 for FY2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, the funds be allocated as follows in fund center 11510:

FY2025 Operation Stonegarden Grant
September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
414000 – Federal Revenue	\$243,000.00
 <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	 <u>INCREASE</u>
501000 – Overtime	\$40,000.00
502000 – Fringe Benefits	\$10,000.00
516010 – Contractual Payments	\$147,000.00
561410 – Lab and Tech	\$46,000.00
<u>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>\$243,000.00</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and Sheriff are authorized to enter into sub-contracts with the cities of Buffalo and Tonawanda and the towns of Lancaster, Hamburg, and Evans; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, the Comptroller is authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

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

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated