



**Homeland Security  
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Commissioner

July 26, 2018

The Honorable Paul Dyster  
Mayor  
City of Niagara Falls  
City Hall  
745 Main Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14302

Dear Mayor Dyster,

I am pleased to announce that the City of Niagara Falls has been awarded \$99,400 in federal funding under the FY2017 Tactical Team Grant Program. Funding for this initiative is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) and is administered by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES). The performance period for this award is July 26, 2018 through August 31, 2020.

As outlined in your application, this funding is provided to improve and develop tactical team capabilities through equipment, training, exercise, and planning projects that support counter terrorism missions in your jurisdiction as well as your team's attainment of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) SWAT Team Standards.

Additionally, all capabilities developed through federal FY2017 SHSP funding are required to be deployable regionally and nationally per the Federal guidelines. All funding through this grant program is subject to both New York State and federal guidelines and regulations. Finally, all training that is funded through this grant program must be submitted to DHSES within six (6) months of the date of this letter for review and approval.

In order to ensure these funds are made available as quickly as possible, a representative from DHSES's Grants Program Administration Unit will be reaching out to your grant point of contact. If you have any questions about this program, please contact my Director of Grants Program Administration, Shelley Wahrlich at (518) 402-2123.

Congratulations on your award and I look forward to working with you to administer this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger L. Parrino, Sr.", written over a horizontal line.

Roger L. Parrino, Sr.  
Commissioner

cc: Mr. Paul Kudela, Administrative Officer, City of Niagara Falls Police Department