

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01
Resolution for Peace Officer and Correctional Officer Appreciation Grant to original Resolution No. 2025-05

WHEREAS, the 69th North Dakota Legislative assembly passed \$3.5 million in grant funding into HB 1193.

WHEREAS, Similar to the 2023 legislation passed for Back the Blue, lawmakers approved this program as a way to show their appreciation for the work local law enforcement are doing across the state.

WHEREAS, on December 2nd, 2025, the Foster County Board of County Commissioner passed Resolution 2025-05 presented by the Foster County Sheriff indicating the breakout of funds from HB 1193.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gushwa willingly left employment with Foster County prior to receiving his second \$5,000 stipend


WHEREAS, the Foster County Sheriff indicated that Sheriff Johnson receives the remaining funding of \$5,000.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Roller moved to approve the updated plan presented by Sheriff Justin Johnson and Commissioner Utke seconded the motion, and having been submitted to a roll call vote of the elected County Commissioners:

Commissioner Roller – aye
Commissioner Utke – aye
Commissioner Hagel – aye
Commissioner Scanson – aye
Commissioner Copenhaver – aye

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by majority vote of the Foster County Board of County Commissioners authorize the Sheriff to expend the Peace Officer and Correctional Officer Appreciation Grant Funds approved in HB 1193 which was passed by the 2025 Legislature, per the categories outlined as follows: Funding may be used for providing retention bonuses to current law enforcement and correctional officers and covering tuition and fee payments on behalf of law enforcement trainees.

Dated at Carrington, North Dakota, this 21st day of April 2026.
FOSTER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

By:  _____
Pat Copenhaver, Chairman

Attest:  _____
Ellen Roundy, County Auditor/Treasurer