

# ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**CRAIG D. APPLE, SR.**  
SHERIFF



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April 3, 2026

Honorable Joanne Cunningham  
Legislative Clerk's Office  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The attached correspondence is forwarded for presentation to the Albany County Legislature.

Legislative approval is required in order to allow the Albany County Sheriff's Office to apply for, accept and spend grant funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for the FY2023 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Targeted Grant Program.

The term of this contract will be 12 months, from April 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027.

The grant award for Albany County is \$171,750.00. These grant funds will be utilized to cover equipment acquisition, and equipment calibration and maintenance for the Hazmat Teams in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties.

This grant was previously approved by the Albany County Legislature in 2024 under Resolution No. 355.

Should there be any questions, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

  
Craig D. Apple, Sr.  
Sheriff

Cc. Hon. Daniel P. McCoy, County Executive  
Hon. Wanda Willingham, Audit & Finance Committee

**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

**Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):**

..title  
Contract Authorization for NYS DHSES FY2023 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant funding.  
..body

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Date: April 6, 2026 Submitted By: Craig D. Apple, Sr.  
Department: Sheriff's Office Title: Sheriff  
Attending Meeting: Enter text. Phone: (518) 487-5440

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization Accept funding and enter into a contract with NYS DHSES as a recipient of FY 2023 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant Program grant funding, amend the budget as needed, and authorize expenditure of said funds on equipment and supplies to enhance the capabilities the Capital Region Hazmat Teams.

**CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:**

Party Names and Addresses: New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 1220 Washington Avenue, Bldg. 7, Suite 710, Albany, NY 12242

Accept funding and enter into a contract with NYS DHSES as a recipient of FY 2023 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant Program grant funding, amend the budget as needed, and authorize expenditure of said funds on equipment and supplies to enhance the capabilities of the Capital Region Hazmat Teams.

Term: (Start/end date or duration) April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027  
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$ 171,750.00

**BUDGET INFORMATION:**

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No   
Anticipated in Budget: Yes  No   
Spreadsheet attached: Yes  No

**Source of Funding – (Percentages)**

Federal: Enter text. County: Enter text.  
State: 100% Local: Enter text.

**County Budget Accounts:**

Revenue Account and Line: A3.3110.03306.HAZ23  
Revenue Amount: \$171,750.00  
Appropriation Account and Line: A9.3110.2.2750.HAZ23  
Appropriation Amount: \$171,750.00

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes  No   
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Enter text.  
Request for Bids / Proposals:  
Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes  No

# of Response(s): Enter text.  
# of MWBE: Enter text.  
# of Veteran Business: Enter text.  
Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.  
Apprenticeship Program Yes  No

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:  
Resolution/Law Number and Date: 24-355

**DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)  
Accept funding and enter into a contract with NYS DHSES as a recipient of FY 2023 Hazardous Materials Targeted Grant Program grant funding, amend the budget as needed, and authorize expenditure of said funds on equipment related to the enhancement of the Capital Region Hazmat Teams.



**Homeland Security  
and Emergency Services**

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**TERENCE O'LEARY**  
Acting Commissioner

March 30, 2026

The Honorable Daniel P. McCoy  
Albany County Executive  
Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building  
112 State Street, Room 900  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Mr. McCoy:

I am pleased to announce that Albany County has been awarded \$171,750 in federal funding under the FY2023 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Targeted Grant Program. Funding for this initiative is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's 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 April 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027.

As outlined in your application, this funding is provided for local emergency response teams that provide HazMat services through equipment, training, exercise, and planning projects.

Additionally, all capabilities developed through federal FY2023 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 the Grants Program Administration Unit of DHSES will be reaching out to your grant point of contact. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Eric Abramson, Director of Grants Program Administration at (518) 242-5108.

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 "Terence O'Leary".

Terence O'Leary  
Acting Commissioner

**RESOLUTION NO. 355**

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES REGARDING THE 2022 HAZMAT GRANT AND AMENDING THE 2024 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET**

Introduced: 6/10/24  
By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has requested authorization to submit a grant application to and enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the fiscal year 2022 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Grant in an amount of \$171,750 for a term commencing April 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has indicated that the Sheriff's Office will act as fiduciary to provide the HazMat teams in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties with funding for training, equipment acquisition, equipment calibration and maintenance costs, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has also requested a budget amendment to incorporate the 2022 HazMat Grant funding into the 2024 Sheriff's Office Budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the fiscal year 2022 Hazardous Materials Grant in an amount of \$171,750 for a term commencing April 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2024 Sheriff's Office Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3110 0 3306 Homeland Security by \$171,750

Increase Appropriation Account A3110.2 by \$100,000 by increasing Line Item A3110 2 2750 Security Equipment by \$100,000

Increase Appropriation Account A3110.4 by \$71,750 by increasing Line Item A3110 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$71,750

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said grant application and agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

*Adopted by unanimous vote - 6/10/24*

*A. Joyce abstained.*

State of New York  
County of Albany

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Albany County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution and/or local law with the original resolution and/or local law now on file in the office, and which was passed by the Legislature of said County on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, a majority of all members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and/or local law and the whole thereof.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Nicole Chambers", is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk, Albany County Legislature

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT

APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. BTCH	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	
A9 3110 2	2750 HAZ23	SECURITY EQUIPMENT	171,750.00		CREATE
		TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	171,750.00	0.00	

REVENUES

RESOLUTION NO. BTCH	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	
A3 3110	03306 HAZ23	HOMELAND SECURITY		171,750.00	CREATE
		TOTAL REVENUES	0.00	171,750.00	
		GRAND TOTALS	171,750.00	171,750.00	

Attn: Comptrollers Office - new project code - HAZ23 (Description "HAZMAT 2023 Grant")