



**Homeland Security
and Emergency Services**

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Governor

PATRICK A. MURPHY
Commissioner

December 11, 2019

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 \$1,255,608 under the New York State 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program (2019 SICG-Formula). This program, administered by my agency, allows for the State support to aid county, local and municipal public safety organizations in enhancing emergency response, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFECOM guidance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications (OEC). The 2019 SICG-Formula Program will concentrate on improving interoperability and operability of communications systems in New York State. Your participation in this program is another example of the successful partnerships we have been developing for public safety and emergency preparedness across the State.

The performance period for the 2019-SICG-Formula grant will be 24 months, beginning calendar year 2020 (January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021), with the possibility of an extension based upon a good cause shown and ample justification for needing additional time. Expenses that you wish to claim must occur within that period. In order to provide these funds to you as quickly as possible, we will need to gather budget information within 45 calendar days from the date of this letter that reflects the award amount. Our Grants Program Administration staff will work with your designated SICG point of contact to provide additional administrative guidance and to develop a grant contract.

On behalf of Governor Andrew Cuomo, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services remains committed to providing outstanding support in the administration of "*your public safety first*" responder initiatives. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, at 518-242-5000, or my Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications (OIEC) Director, Michael A. Sprague, at 518-322-4911.

Thank you for your cooperation in this public safety endeavor.

Sincerely,

Patrick A. Murphy
Commissioner

cc: Mr. Douglas Miller, Albany County Sheriff's Department

RESOLUTION NO. 384

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND
EMERGENCY SERVICES REGARDING THE 2019 STATEWIDE
INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT

Introduced: 9/9/19

By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has requested authorization to apply for a grant with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) regarding the 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant-Formula Based Funding, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has indicated that no County share or in-kind match is required and the NYS DHSES funding, if awarded, will be used to offset costs associated with the 911 interoperable communications system, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application with the NYS DHSES regarding the 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant-Formula Based Funding, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said application 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.