

ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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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 Explosive Detection Canine Team 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 \$60,000.00. These grant funds will be utilized to purchase a canine ready vehicle that is equipped with an environmental monitoring system.

This grant was previously approved by the Albany County Legislature in 2024 under Resolution No. 356.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig D. Apple, Sr.", is written over the typed name and title.

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 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant funding.

..body

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 Explosive Detection Canine Team Program grant funding, amend the budget as needed, and authorize expenditure of said funds on equipment to enhance the capabilities of a new Explosive Detection Canine Team.

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 Explosive Detection Canine Team Program grant funding, amend the budget as needed, and authorize expenditure of said funds on equipment to enhance the capabilities of a new Explosive Detection Canine Team.

Term: (Start/end date or duration) April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$ 60,000.00

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: A3.3110.04306.EXP23
Revenue Amount: \$60,000.00
Appropriation Account and Line: A9.3110.2.2750.EXP23
Appropriation Amount: \$60,000.00

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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:
Resolution/Law Number and Date: 24-356

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 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program grant funding, amend the budget as needed, and authorize expenditure of said funds on equipment; specifically a canine ready vehicle with environmental monitoring system to enhance the capabilities of a newly created Explosive Detection Canine Team.



**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 1200
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Mr. McCoy:

I am pleased to announce that Albany County has been awarded \$60,000 in federal funding under the FY2023 Explosive Detection Canine 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 April 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

As outlined in your application, this funding is provided for the sustainment, maintenance, and enhancement of your explosive detection canine team assets, through equipment, training, exercise, and planning projects that support terrorism prevention activities in your jurisdiction.

We encourage you to review the objectives of this targeted grant opportunity as we reach out to you to execute your contract. As a reminder, all grantees are required to be registered users of the Bomb Arson Tracking System (BATS), administered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), to document the incidents to which their teams respond and the activities they perform.

Additionally, all capabilities developed through federal FY2023 SHSP funding are required to be deployable regionally and nationally per the federal guidelines. All funding is subject to both New York State and federal guidelines and regulations.

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,

Terence O'Leary
Acting Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 356

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 2021 EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE TEAM 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 2021 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant in an amount of \$15,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has indicated the grant funding will be used to sustain and enhance capabilities for a previously developed explosive detection canine team, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has also requested a budget amendment to incorporate the aforementioned 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 submit a grant application to and enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the 2021 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant in an amount of \$15,000 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 \$15,000

Increase Appropriation Account A3110.2 by \$15,000 by increasing Line Item A3110 2 2750 Security Equipment by \$15,000

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 10th 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 11th day of June, 2024.


Clerk, Albany County Legislature

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT

APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO.	BTCH	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	
A9	3110	2 2750 EXP23	SECURITY EQUIPMENT	60,000.00		CREATE
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS				60,000.00	0.00	
REVENUES						

RESOLUTION NO.	BTCH	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	
A3	3110	03306 EXP23	HOMELAND SECURITY		60,000.00	CREATE
TOTAL REVENUES				0.00	60,000.00	
GRAND TOTALS				60,000.00	60,000.00	

Attn: Comptrollers Office - new project code - EXP23 (Description "EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE GRANT 2023")