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September 19, 2024

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Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Rm. 1360  
Albany, N.Y. 12207

Dear Sirs:

I am requesting legislative action to further the mission of the Office of the Albany County District Attorney. The attached resolution seeks permission to:

- Apply for and accept funding from DCJS for the Crimes Against Revenue Program Grant; and
- Apply for and accept funding from DCJS for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Partnership; and
- Apply for and accept funding from DCJS for the Motor Vehicle Program Grant; and
- Apply for and accept funding from DCJS for the Aid to Prosecution Grant; and

Attached is the request for legislative action and supporting documents. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 275-4706.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

P. David Soares  
Albany County District Attorney

## REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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### Contract Authorization

Permission to submit an application, enter into a contract with, and receive funds from the Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Partnership.

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Date: 9/19/2024  
Submitted By: P. David Soares  
Department: District Attorney  
Title: District Attorney  
Phone: 5184875460  
Department Rep.  
Attending Meeting: P. David Soares and Christopher Horn

### Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Permission to submit an application, enter into a contract with, and receive funds from the Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Partnership.

## CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

### Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: A1165-03334  
Source of Funds: State  
Title Change:

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**CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

**Type of Contract:**

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Renewal

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability

Other: (state if not listed) Permission to submit an application, enter into a contract with, and receive funds from the Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Partnership.

**Contract Terms/Conditions:**

Party (Name/address):

NYS DCJS  
80 South Swan Street  
Albany, NY 12210

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$702,579

Scope of Services: The funds will be used to fight gun crime in Albany County.

Bond Res. No.:

Date of Adoption:

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**CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes  No

If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes  No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: A1165-03334  
Revenue Amount: \$702,579

Appropriation Account and Line: A91165 – 1150, 12056G, 12057G, 12012, 14021, 14032,  
89010, 89030, 89060, 44039, 22999, 44046  
Appropriation Amount: \$702,579

Source of Funding – (Percentages)

Federal:  
State: 100%  
County:  
Local:

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 7/1/24 – 6/30/25  
Length of Contract: 1 year.

Impact on Pending Litigation

If yes, explain: Yes  No   
[Click or tap here to enter text.]

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 23-280  
Date of Adoption: 7/10/23

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

This RLA covers the ninth year of Albany’s participation in the Gun Involved Violence Elimination partnership for the Office of the District Attorney. Gun violence has increased exponentially in our vulnerable communities in Albany County. The law enforcement community is challenged by the proliferation of illegal weapons and the enhanced portals of accessibility. Criminal justice reforms have significantly hampered law enforcement’s ability to stem gun violence and preemptively deter those involved in gun violence culture. New York, in collaboration with federal partners, has invested significant resources into intelligence based investigation by amplifying the abilities of our preexisting Crime Analysis Centers. The Crime Gun Intelligence Center functions will assist both police and prosecutors in prioritizing our cases. Exponential increases in the volume of gun related crimes had limited the efficacy of our state’s deterrence investments. In response, the Albany County District Attorney’s Office has received a total of \$702,579 for this next year, which is an increase of \$30,146 from last year. Last year, with these additional resources, we have fully funded two new lines for more experienced prosecutors who are also be assigned to the GIVE and CGIC group. The Intelligence ADA, which was a pre-existing line, is fully funded as well, along with part of the salary of the supervising attorney.

| APPROPRIATIONS        |                        |                     |               |               |                   |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| ACCOUNT NO.           | RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION | INCREASE            | DECREASE      | UNIT COST     | DEPARTMENT NAME   |
| A 1165 1 2056G 130208 | Senior Gun Prosecutor  | \$ 39,334.00        |               | \$ 118,000.00 | District Attorney |
| A 1165 1 2057G 130209 | Gun Prosecutor         | \$ 34,000.00        |               | \$ 102,000.00 | District Attorney |
| A 1165 1 2012 130126  | Intelligence ADA       | \$ 30,667.00        |               | \$ 92,000.00  | District Attorney |
| A 1165 8 9060         | Social Security        | \$ 7,957.00         |               |               |                   |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS  |                        | <u>\$111,958.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> |               |                   |

| ESTIMATED REVENUES       |                        |                     |                     |           |                   |
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| ACCOUNT NO.              | RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION | DECREASE            | INCREASE            | UNIT COST | DEPARTMENT NAME   |
| A 1165 0 3334            | Operation GIVE Grant   |                     | \$ 111,958.00       |           | District Attorney |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES |                        | <u>\$0.00</u>       | <u>\$111,958.00</u> |           |                   |
| GRAND TOTALS             |                        | <u>\$111,958.00</u> | <u>\$111,958.00</u> |           |                   |

*Adopted by unanimous vote – 7/10/23*

**APPROPRIATIONS**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| A 1165 1 2056G 130208       | Senior Gun Prosecutor          | \$ 5,971.00        |                   | \$ 118,000.00    | District Attorney      |
| A 1165 1 2057G 130209       | Gun Prosecutor                 | \$ 7,162.00        |                   | \$ 102,000.00    | District Attorney      |
| A 1165 1 2012 130126        | Intelligence ADA               | \$ 10,570.00       |                   | \$ 92,000.00     | District Attorney      |
| A 1165 1 1150 130123        | Bureau Chief ADA               |                    | \$4,000.00        |                  |                        |
| A 1165 8 9060               | Hospital and Medical Insurance | \$ 10,443.00       |                   |                  |                        |
| <b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b> |                                | <b>\$34,146.00</b> | <b>\$4,000.00</b> |                  |                        |

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| <b>GRAND TOTALS</b>             |                               | <b>\$34,146.00</b> | <b>\$34,146.00</b> |                  |                        |



# Division of Criminal Justice Services

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**ROSSANA ROSADO**  
Commissioner

**CILLIAN FLAVIN**  
Deputy Commissioner

## Grant Award Notice

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| Grantee/Contractor:<br>Albany County District Attorney  | Date:<br>June 10, 2024   |
| Program Name:<br>GIVE (2024-25)   | Award Amount:<br>\$702,579 <sup>1</sup>  |
| Signatory Name and Title:<br>District Attorney David Soares   | Term Dates:<br>7/1/2024-6/30/2025  |
| Email:<br>david.soares@albanycountyny.gov   | Contract Number:<br>C485023  |
| Program Description:2024-25 DCJS Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative  |  |
| New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Commissioner Rossana Rosado is pleased to provide funding to your county and agency to support the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative. The GIVE initiative is a critical component of the State's violence prevention and reduction strategy. Thank you for your partnership to help keep New Yorkers safe. Please find attached the approved budget for the funded agencies within your county. If you have any programmatic questions, please contact the DCJS Office of Public Safety (OPS) at <a href="mailto:LESAU@dcjs.ny.gov">LESAU@dcjs.ny.gov</a> |  |
| <b>Grant Questions</b>  |  |
| <b>PRIMARY CONTACT</b><br><b>Rob Frost</b><br>Public Safety Grants Representative<br>NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services<br>Office of Program Development and Funding<br>Phone:518 485-2979<br>Email: Robert.Frost@dcjs.ny.gov  | <b>SECONDARY CONTACT</b><br><b>Dave Martin</b><br>Public Safety Grants Representative<br>NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services<br>Office of Program Development and Funding<br>Phone:518 485-9607<br>Email: David.Martin@dcjs.ny.gov |

We look forward to working with you in our continued efforts to safeguard the health and safety of all New York residents and visitors.

<sup>[1]</sup> The award amount listed above is contingent upon the completion and submission (as applicable) of all contractual obligations as well as approval by the NYS Division of Budget and execution of the grant contract by the NYS Office of the State Comptroller.



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April 4, 2024

Mr. Eric Hawkins  
Chief of Police  
Albany Police Department  
165 Henry Johnson Boulevard  
Albany, New York 12210-1525

Dear Chief Hawkins:

I am writing in support of the City of Albany's participation in the Gun Involved Violence Initiative (GIVE). As a member of Albany's GIVE consortium, the Office of the Albany County District Attorney will continue to:

- Attending monthly GIVE meetings;
- Actively participate in all GIVE offender call-ins and notifications;
- Assist with intelligence gathering through enhanced use of specialized units;
- Participating in a collaborative manner to develop strategic initiatives and deploy Office of Albany County District Attorney resources; and
- Provide appropriate personnel resources based upon assessments of program successes and outcomes.

Our office looks forward to a continued strategic partnership with the City of Albany and GIVE partners.

Very Truly Yours,

P. David Soares



**2024/2025 GIVE Initiative**

**Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**Albany Police Department, Albany County District Attorney, Albany County Probation,  
New York State Police, Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, United States Attorney,  
Albany County Sheriff**

The Parties listed herein have agreed to work collaboratively to reduce firearm-related crimes, shootings, and homicides within the City of Albany N.Y. through participation in New York State's 2024/2025 GIVE Initiative. The GIVE Initiative has been designed to build upon the success of our collaborative partnerships between Federal, State, County, City, and Community resources. These partnerships have been developed and deployed through years of support and guidance from NYS DCJS under "OPERATION IMPACT". The parties will develop a plan to promote integrated, evidence-based strategies to reduce gun violence that include four core elements:

- **People** – focusing on known offenders and people considered responsible for the most gun violence in a community;
- **Places** – targeting "hot spots" in a community that have been shown to be the most vulnerable to gun violence;
- **Alignment** – aligning and coordinating efforts with other violence intervention groups working in the community, such as "violence interrupters" and other street outreach work; and,
- **Engagement** – bringing stakeholders and the community as a whole together to work toward reducing gun violence.

The partnership, in collaboration with the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center, will utilize the Problem Oriented Policing SARA Model to conduct a focused examination of the crime problem with the end result being a comprehensive strategy designed to reduce shootings and homicides. The comprehensive strategy will incorporate evidence based practices in: Hot Spot Policing; Focused Deterrence; Street Outreach and Procedural Justice.

Through collaboration and participation with the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center, the parties will continue to analyze criminal activity, patterns, and trends in order to successfully target firearm related crimes. Our focus will be directed at enhancing information sharing between agencies, coordinated planning and execution of firearm reduction strategies, and an improved prosecution of firearm related cases. All parties will maintain an active role in reducing firearm-related crimes, shootings, and homicides through continued multifaceted strategies including, but not limited to, collaboration, communication, and cooperation.

2024/2025 GIVE Initiative  
Memorandum of Understanding



Eric Hawkins, Chief of Police  
Albany Police Department



David Soares, District Attorney  
Albany County



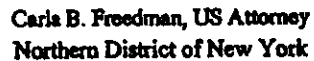
William Connors, Director  
Albany County Department of Probation



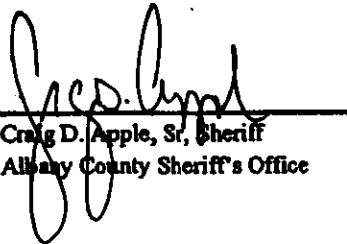
Harris Oberlander, CEO  
Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region



Major Dennis J. Schager, Troop G Commander  
New York State Police



Caris B. Freedman, US Attorney  
Northern District of New York



Craig D. Apple, Sr., Sheriff  
Albany County Sheriff's Office

RESOLUTION NO. 280

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES REGARDING THE GUN INVOLVED VIOLENCE ELIMINATION GRANT AND AMENDING THE 2023 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUDGET**

Introduced: 7/10/23

By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The District Attorney has requested authorization to submit a grant application and enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services regarding the Gun Involved Violence Elimination grant in the amount of \$672,433 for the term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, The District Attorney has indicated that the funding will be used to combat gun-related crime in Albany County, including additional positions regarding gun violence prosecutions, and

WHEREAS, The District Attorney has indicated that a budget amendment is necessary in order to fund said positions, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to submit a grant application and enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services regarding the Gun Involved Violence Elimination grant in the amount of \$672,433 for the term commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2023 District Attorney's Office Budget is hereby amended as indicated on the spreadsheet annexed hereto, and, be it further

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

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