

# ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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



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March 31, 2026

Honorable Joanne Cunningham  
Chairwoman, Albany County Legislature  
Legislative 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 accept funding and enter into a Grant Contract with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), as a recipient of FY 2025 Violence Intervention Program funding as well as to amend the budget and expend the funds as shown below. The budget amendment is necessary to create a new line VIP26 so as to separate the funds from those obtained from last year's grant of the same name approved under 2025 Resolution No. 135.

The grant award amount for the Albany County Sheriff's Office is \$500,000.00. The initial period of performance for the grant is a 12 month term from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. These funds will be used by the Sheriff's Office to strengthen public safety and law enforcement efforts in the city of Albany, including offsetting the costs and expenses associated with personnel and non-personnel services and equipment related to said safety and enforcement activities. There are no matching funds associated with this grant.

Should there be any questions on this matter, please 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. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Craig D. Apple, Sr.  
Sheriff

Att.

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

**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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

Contract authorization to accept and spend additional FY2025 NYS DCJS Violence Intervention Program funding.

Date: March 20, 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 Authorize acceptance of additional 2025 NYS DCJS Violence Intervention Program funding, enter into grant contract, and expend the funds on personnel and non-personnel services and equipment related to public safety and law enforcement in the city of Albany.

**CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:**

Party Names and Addresses: New York State Division of Criminal Services, 80 South Swan Street, Albany, NY 12210

Term: (Start/end date or duration) July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027  
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$500,000.00

**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: A3.3110.03493.VIP26  
Revenue Amount: \$500,000.00  
Appropriation Account and Line: A9.3110.1.9900.VIP26 & A9.3110.2.2750.VIP26  
Appropriation Amount: \$375,000.00 & \$125,000.00

**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  No

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BTCH	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	
A9 3110 1	9900	Overtime	375,000.00		CREATE
A9 3110 2	2750	Security Equipment	125,000.00		CREATE
		Total Appropriations	500,000.00		0.00

REVENUES

RESOLUTION NO. BTCH	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	
A3 3110	03493	Violence Improvement Program		500,000.00	CREATE
		Total Revenue	0.00	500,000.00	
		Grand Totals	500,000.00	500,000.00	

Attn: Comptrollers Office - new project code - VIP26



**Division of Criminal  
Justice Services**

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor  
**ROSSANA ROSADO**  
Commissioner  
**CILLIAN FLAVIN**  
Deputy Commissioner

**Grant Award Notice**

<b>Grantee/Supplier Name:</b> Albany County Sheriff	<b>Date:</b> 1/26/2026
<b>Program Name:</b> Violence Intervention Program	<b>Award Amount<sup>1</sup>:</b> \$500,000
<b>Contact Name:</b> Michael McLaughlin, Deputy County Executive	<b>NYS Contract #:</b> C445556
<b>Email:</b> grantcontracts@albanycountyny.gov	
<b>Additional Information:</b> The Division of Criminal Justice Services, in consultation with the Executive Chamber and Division of the Budget, is providing \$500,000 to the Albany County Sheriff's Office to strengthen public safety and law enforcement efforts within the city of Albany. Through the announced "Albany Public Safety Surge," the Sheriff's Office may use this funding to offset the costs and expenses associated with personnel and non-personnel services related to safety and enforcement activities. These activities should build upon the existing Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative efforts and be coordinated with the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center (CAC), as well as the New York State Police.	
<b>Grant Questions</b>	
<b>Primary Contact:</b> <b>Nzingha Willis</b> Public Safety Grants Representative NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Program Development and Funding Phone: (518) 417-6421 Email: nzingha.willis@dcjs.ny.gov	<b>Secondary Contact:</b> <b>Maura Gagan</b> Public Safety Grants Representative NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Program Development and Funding Phone: (518) 485-9922 Email: maura.gagan@dcjs.ny.gov

Thank you for all the work you do. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 135**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES REGARDING THE 2025 VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2025 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET**

Introduced: 4/14/25  
By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services regarding the 2025 Violence Intervention Program in an amount of \$500,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Sheriff has indicated that the aforementioned funding will be used to strengthen public safety and law enforcement efforts in the City of Albany, including offsetting the costs and expenses associated with personnel and non-personnel services and equipment, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has also requested a budget amendment to incorporate the aforementioned funding into the 2025 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 Criminal Justice Services regarding the 2025 Violence Intervention Program in an amount of \$500,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2025 Sheriff's Office Budget is amended as follows:

2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT						
APPROPRIATIONS						
RESOLUTION NO.	BATCH	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	
A9	3110	1 9900 VIP25	Overtime	300,000.00		CREATE
A9	3110	2 2750 VIP25	Security Equipment	200,000.00		CREATE
Total Appropriations				500,000.00	0.00	
REVENUES						
RESOLUTION NO.	BATCH	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	
A3	3110	03493 VIP25	Violence Improvement Program		500,000.00	CREATE
Total Revenue				0.00	500,000.00	
Grand Totals				500,000.00	500,000.00	

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and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said 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 - 4/14/25*

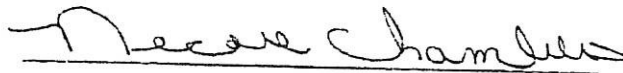
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State of New York  
County of Albany

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.



Clerk, Albany County Legislature