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May 6, 2026

Honorable Joanne Cunningham
Legislative Chairwoman
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 grant funding and enter into a contract with the State of New York, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the Combined SFY2025 & 2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program (Formula – Based Grant Program).

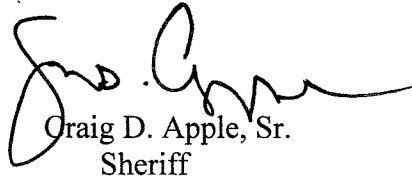
Our award is in the amount of \$456,200.00 with no match.

The grant period is for 3 years, from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028.

We will be purchasing items over \$100,000.00 under this grant. These items will include Network Connectivity through Verizon and First Light as well as annual maintenance for our Intrado 911 phone system, our present provider of these services.

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

Sincerely,


Craig D. Apple, Sr.
Sheriff

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

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

..title

Legislative approval to apply, accept the SFY2025-2026 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant Program.

..body

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

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization 01/01/2026-12/31/2028

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:

Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
1220 Washington Avenue, Bldg. 7A, Suite 710 Albany, N.Y. 12242

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 01/01/2026-12/31/2028
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$456,200.00

BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

Source of Funding – (Percentages)

Federal: 0 County: 0
State: 100% Local: 0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Enter text.
Revenue Amount: Enter text.
Appropriation Account and Line: Enter text.
Appropriation Amount: Enter text.

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: Enter text.

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

This grant will assist with expenses to our Network Connectivity through Verizon and First Light as well as annual maintenance of our existing agreement with Intrado to our 911 phone system.

I. Introduction

The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to solicit proposals for the Combined SFY2025 & SFY2026 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant Program. The Grant allows counties to receive State support for eligible public safety call-taking and dispatching expenses. The State will provide support in the form of reimbursement for operating expenses in a PSAP, including personnel costs.

New York Executive Law § 717 states that the Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications (OIEC), an office of the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), is to coordinate a grant program to facilitate the operation of public safety communications and support statewide interoperable communications for first responders. The State Budget for 2025 & 2026 (State Fiscal Years 2025 & 2026) appropriates \$10 million each fiscal year, in grants to eligible applicants in support of operations and improvements of PSAPs.¹ This RFA represents a combined allocation total of \$20 million from the SFY2025 and SFY2026 allocation amounts.

The PSAP Operations Grant Program not only supports an awardee's existing operations but also encourages the development of Next Generation 911 (NG911) technologies and the Geographic Information System (GIS) data needed for NG911. The Grant also promotes the development of operational and procedural efficiencies and overall collaboration between different jurisdictions, such as other counties and state agencies. This remains a critical focus of OIEC's mission to ensure emergency communication capabilities across New York State continue to advance their operations.

II. Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for and receive grant funding for the Combined SFY2025 & SFY2026 PSAP Operations Grant Program, applicants must:

Be a county government within New York State or New York City requesting funding for the benefit of the county as a single entity. Applications must be submitted by the county government. (The five boroughs which comprise New York City [Bronx, Kings, Queens, New York, and Richmond] must apply as a single entity.)

III. Awards

The \$20 million in funding through the Combined SFY2025 & SFY 2026 PSAP Operations Grant Program will be distributed noncompetitively among all eligible applicants, providing a base level funding total of \$8,700,000 (\$150,000 per applicant) and incorporating population, square mileage (based on official census data), and prior award information for the remaining \$11,300,000.

¹ 2024 & 2025 Laws of New York Chapter 53

The chart below depicts each eligible recipient and their award amount.

Please note that all projects submitted in the "Budget" tab of the Application Worksheet should total the award amount listed below for each recipient.

✕ Albany	\$456,200	Niagara	\$375,216
Allegany	\$286,626	Oneida	\$446,226
Broome	\$393,534	Onondaga	\$465,122
Cattaraugus	\$334,508	Ontario	\$371,832
Cayuga	\$357,114	Orange	\$368,834
Chautauqua	\$353,564	Orleans	\$227,612
Chemung	\$370,826	Oswego	\$336,302
Chenango	\$310,184	Otsego	\$319,826
Clinton	\$313,774	Putnam	\$248,182
Columbia	\$278,552	Rensselaer	\$345,450
Cortland	\$341,726	Rockland	\$445,156
Delaware	\$319,990	Saratoga	\$316,288
Dutchess	\$380,862	Schenectady	\$320,716
Erie	\$479,232	Schoharie	\$238,760
Essex	\$405,532	Schuyler	\$319,758
Franklin	\$338,410	Seneca	\$281,876
Fulton	\$303,222	St. Lawrence	\$475,828
Genesee	\$356,046	Steuben	\$354,596
Greene	\$255,344	Suffolk	\$466,688
Hamilton	\$312,268	Sullivan	\$306,892
Herkimer	\$352,810	Tioga	\$244,860
Jefferson	\$362,514	Tompkins	\$286,480
Lewis	\$359,466	Ulster	\$321,828
Livingston	\$301,732	Warren	\$288,122
Madison	\$291,780	Washington	\$281,552
Monroe	\$558,696	Wayne	\$327,486
Montgomery	\$338,544	Westchester	\$350,338
Nassau	\$305,890	Wyoming	\$244,856
New York City	\$447,130	Yates	\$357,242

The final authority to administer this grant program rests with DHSES, including amendments or modifications to these guidelines, award distribution, and/or the amount available for award distribution.

The period of performance for contracts supported by the Combined SFY2025 & SFY2026 PSAP Operations Grant Program funds is January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028.

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PROJECT TOTAL

\$456,200

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT

APPROPRIATIONS			
RESOLUTION NO. BTCH	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE
A9 3020	4 4046	FEES FOR SERVICE	456,200.00
	POP25		
			CREATE
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS			456,200.00
			0.00

REVENUES			
RESOLUTION NO. BTCH	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE
A3 3020	03308	PSAP GRANT	456,200.00
	POP25		
			CREATE
TOTAL REVENUES			0.00
			456,200.00
GRAND TOTALS			456,200.00

Attn: Comptrollers Office - project code - POP25 (Description "PSAP 2025 Grant")

