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September 19, 2024

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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**

Description:  Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program Involvement in the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program grant through the Department of Criminal Justice Services.		
Date:	09/19/2024	
Submitted By:	David Soares	
Department:	1165- District Attorney	
Title:	District Attorney	
Phone:	518-275-4701	
Department Rep.		
Attending Meeting:	DA David Soares and Deputy Chief ADA Christopher Horn	
Purpose of Request:		
<ul> <li>□ Adopting of Local Law</li> <li>□ Amendment of Prior Legislation</li> <li>□ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure</li> <li>□ Bond Approval</li> <li>□ Budget Amendment</li> <li>☒ Contract Authorization</li> <li>□ Countywide Services</li> <li>□ Environmental Impact/SEQR</li> <li>□ Home Rule Request</li> <li>□ Property Conveyance</li> <li>☒ Other: (state if not listed)</li> <li>contract, and receive funds from DCJS.</li> </ul>	Authorization to submit an application, enter into a	
CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMEN	<u>TS</u>	
Increase/decrease category (choose  ☐ Contractual ☐ Equipment ☐ Fringe ☐ Personnel ☐ Personnel Non-Individual ☐ Revenue  Increase Account/Line No.:	all that apply): A1165-03498	

Source of Funds: Title Change:	State		
CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS			
Type of Contract:  ☐ Change Order/Contract Amendment ☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies) ☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies) ☐ Requirements ☐ Professional Services ☐ Education/Training ☒ Grant ☐ Renewal ☐ Settlement of a Claim ☐ Release of Liability ☐ Other: (state if not listed)			
Contract Terms/Conditions:			
Party (Name/address): Division of Criminal Justice Services, Of Building, 80 S. Swan Street. Albany NY 12210  Additional Parties (Names/addresses):	fice of Program Development and Funding, Alfred E. Smith		
Click or tap here to enter text.			
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Scope of Services: Insurance Fraud Prevention program.	These funds will support the Motor Vehicle Theft and		
Bond Res. No.: Date of Adoption:	Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.		
CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS			
Mandated Program/Service: If Mandated Cite Authority:	Yes □ No ⊠ Click or tap here to enter text.		
Is there a Fiscal Impact: Anticipated in Current Budget:	Yes □ No ⊠ Yes ⊠ No □		
County Budget Accounts: Revenue Account and Line: Revenue Amount:	A1165-03498 \$65,050		

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text. A1165 22050, 44039,

12010; 89010; 89030; 89060

Appropriation Amount: \$65,050

Source of Funding – (Percentages)

 Federal:
 0%

 State:
 100%

 County:
 0%

 Local:
 0%

<u>Term</u>

Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2024-12/31/2024

Length of Contract: One Year

Impact on Pending Litigation Yes □ No ☒

If yes, explain:

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:
Resolution/Law Number: 23-182
Date of Adoption: 5/8/2023

### <u>Justification</u>: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

This resolution is requested to provide the authority to apply, accept and enter into the contract with the Department of Criminal Justice Services for the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program. The grant will pay the salaries and benefits of staff to supervise the prosecution of those who engage in motor vehicle related fraud and auto theft schemes and to reduce the incidence of these crimes through the integrated efforts of city, county and state law enforcement agencies. The award figure is unchanged from last year.



KATHY HOCHUL Governor

ROSSANA ROSADO Commissioner

**CILLIAN FLAVIN Deputy Commissioner** 

# **Grant Award Notice**

Grantee/Contractor: Albany County District Attorney	Date: 03/1/2024
Program Name:  Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention (MVTIFP)	Award Amount: \$65,050 <sup>1</sup>
Signatory Name and Title: District Attorney Daniel Soares	Term Dates: 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024
Email: david.soares@albanycountyny.gov	Contract Number: C464428

Program Description: This funding is provided to support initiatives designed to reduce motor vehicle theft and related motor vehicle insurance fraud.

Additional Programmatic Information: The Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is pleased to provide funding to support services and expenses associated with local anti-auto theft programs, in accordance with section 89-d of the state finance law. A DCJS Public Safety Grants Representative will be in contact to assist in the development of your contract. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact a Public Safety Grants Representative named below:

Grant Questions		
PRIMARY CONTACT	SECONDARY CONTACT	
Chris Lammerts	Robert Frost	
Public Safety Grants Representative	Public Safety Grants Representative II	
NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services	NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services	
Office of Program Development and Funding	Office of Program Development and Funding	
Phone:518-457-5919	Phone:518-485-2979	
Email: Chris.Lammerts@dcjs.ny.gov	Email: Robert.Frost@dcjs.ny.gov	

We look forward to working with you in our continued efforts to safeguard the health and safety of all New York's 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. 182**

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES REGARDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION PROGRAM

Introduced: 5/8/23

By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County 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 Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program in the amount of \$65,050 for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The District Attorney indicated that the grant will pay the salaries and benefits of staff to supervise the prosecution of those who engage in motor vehicle related fraud and auto theft schemes and to reduce the incidence of these crimes through the integrated efforts of city, county and state law enforcement agencies, 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 Criminal Justice Services regarding the Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Program in the amount of \$65,050 for a term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, 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.

Adopted by unanimous vote - 5/8/23