

# ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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February 3, 2026

Honorable Joanne Cunningham  
Albany County Legislature  
Legislative Clerk's Office  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, New York 12207

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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 and accept grant funding and enter into a contract with the State of New York, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, for the Combined SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) Readiness Grant Program.

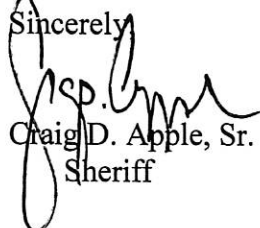
Our award is in the amount of \$689,655.00 with no match.

The grant period is for 5 years, from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030.

We will be purchasing items over \$100,000.00 under this grant. These items will include system equipment upgrade, installation, project management, training and system maintenance through INTRADO Life and Safety, 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 McCoy, County Executive  
Hon. Wanda Willingham, Chairwoman Audit & Finance

**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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

..title  
Legislative approval to apply, accept the SFY2024-2026 Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) Readiness Grant Program  
..body

Date: March 2, 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 01/01/2026-12/31/2030

**CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:**

**Party Names and Addresses:**

NYS Homeland Security & Emergency Services 1220 Washington Avenue, Bldg7A Albany, NY 12226

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 01/01/2026-12/31/2030  
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$689,655.00

**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)**

These funds will assist in purchasing system equipment upgrade, project management, training and system maintenance through Intrado Life and Safety.

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT

APPROPRIATIONS

ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	DEPARTMENT NAME
A9 3110 2 2100	ES126 Communication Equipment	689,655.00		SHERIFFS OFFICE

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

689,655.00

REVENUES

ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	DEPARTMENT NAME
A3 3110 03306	ES126 Homeland Security		689,655.00	SHERIFFS OFFICE

GRAND TOTALS

689,655.00



## Homeland Security and Emergency Services

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**TERENCE O'LEARY**  
Acting Commissioner

February 2, 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 \$689,655 under the New York State Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) Readiness Grant Program. This program, administered by DHSES, provides State support through grant funding for your county to enhance its public safety operations by strengthening communications infrastructure. This is critical in emergency situations and ensuring that public safety personnel are prepared as they respond to calls for service. This grant focuses on enhancing counties' readiness to connect to fiber-optic cable-based emergency services IP networks (ESInets) for public safety answering points (PSAPs) according to the current NENA i3 standard.

The performance period for the ESInet Readiness Grant Program will be five (5) years (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2030). Please note that expenditures submitted for reimbursement must be incurred during the period of performance.

On behalf of Governor Kathy Hochul, the Division remains committed to supporting first responders, including through the enhancement of your PSAPs. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, at 518-242-5000, or DHSES' Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications (OIEC) Director, Mark J. Balistreri, at 518-322-4939.

Thank you for your partnership in this public safety endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terence O'Leary".

Terence O'Leary  
Acting Commissioner

## **I. Introduction**

The NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) is making \$40 million<sup>1</sup> in State funding available to help prepare all NYS counties for Next Generation 911 (NG911) call capabilities supported through a robust Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet). The purpose of this grant is to solicit proposals for the Combined SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Grant Program. The Grant allows counties to receive State support for eligible expenses related to the creation and operation of a fiber-optic cable-based network for public safety answering points (PSAPs). Specifically, counties are encouraged to make improvements in their outside networks (owned or leased) that will prepare them for the connection to the State ESInet in a diverse and hardened manner.

The State Budget appropriated \$40 million in grants to support improvements in State ESInet readiness.

## **II. Eligibility**

All New York State counties and New York City (herein named "applicants") will receive funding through this program via a noncompetitive process. Under the ESInet Readiness Grant Program, the five boroughs which comprise New York City [Bronx, Kings, Queens, New York, and Richmond] are considered a single applicant.

## **III. Allocations**

The \$40 million in funding for the ESInet Readiness Grant Program will be distributed among all eligible applicants that have submitted a complete application. Applicants who do not provide a complete application may risk a delay in the contracting process.

**Applicants will receive an allocation of \$689,655 in State grant funding to support the build-out and/or sustainment of their ESInet capabilities.**

**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 SFY2024, 2025 & 2026 ESInet Readiness Grant Program funds will be a total of five (5) years, beginning on 1/1/2026 and ending on 12/31/2030, with the possibility of an extension based on need. Please note that expenditures submitted for reimbursement must be incurred during this period of performance in order to be paid.

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<sup>1</sup> \$40 million in total available funding is being sourced from SFY2024 (\$20 million), SFY2025 (\$10 million) and SFY2026 (\$10 million)

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

To upgrade and prepare our current system for the implementation of ESInet and to make us compliant with current and future standards as associated with ESInet.

It follows the NENA i3 v2 standards, which include the necessary Session Border Controller (SBC) and i3 firewalls. Also included SIP licenses 911 lines, as well as the associated hardware and services needed to prepare for and complete the transition.

- **SBC's for each location - Systems**

Purpose of SBCs in a NG911 ESInet:

Provides security by protecting the ESInet from SIP-based attacks and unauthorized access.

Ensure interoperability between different vendor systems through SIP normalization.

Manages and controls call routing, session setup, and policy enforcement.

Maintains call quality and reliability with monitoring, redundancy, and failover.

Supports integration with legacy 9-1-1 or analog systems during transition to NG911.

- **SIP for 911- Systems**

- This is a service license required to enable SIP-based (Session Initiation Protocol) 911 call routing.

- **SIP for Positions – Systems**

- Software license for Admin lines for SIP based functions.

- **I3 Firewalls – Systems**

- Provides network security for ESInet as defined by the NENA i3 architecture. Protect NG911 core services and PSAP system for unauthorized access, malware, and denial of service attacks.

- **8200 Cisco Routers – Systems**

- Provides high-performance IP routing for NG911 traffic between PSAPs and the ESInet.
- Supports SIP, RTP, and NG911 signaling/data flows with low latency.
- Enables redundancy, failover, and high availability for critical 9-1-1 communications.
- Includes advanced security features such as access control lists (ACLs) and traffic filtering.

- **Professional Services – Services**

- Installation and configuration.

- **Project Management – Services**
- **Maintenance – 5 years – Services**
  - i3 Firewalls
  - SBC's and extended SBC packs



**RESOLUTION NO. 470**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES REGARDING THE 2025 NEXT GENERATION 911 GRANT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2025 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET**

Introduced: 11/10/25  
By Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the 2025 Next Generation 911 Grant Program in the amount of \$1,639,369 for the term commencing September 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2030, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff has also requested to amend the 2025 Sheriff's Office Budget to incorporate the funding, 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 Homeland Security and Emergency Services regarding the 2025 Next Generation 911 Grant Program in the amount of \$1,639,369 for the term commencing September 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2030, and, be it further

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

APPROPRIATIONS						
Account No.	Resolution Description	Increase	Decrease	Department Name		
A9 3110 2 2100 NG911	Communications Equipment	\$ 1,639,396		Sheriff's Office CREATE		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$ 1,639,396				
REVENUES						
Account No.	Resolution Description	Decrease	Increase	Department Name		
A3 3110 03306 NG911	Homeland Security		\$ 1,639,396	Sheriff's Office CREATE		
TOTAL REVENUES			\$ 1,639,396			
GRAND TOTALS		\$ 1,639,396	\$ 1,639,396			

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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 - 11/10/25*

*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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nicole Chambers", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk, Albany County Legislature