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June 14, 2023

Andrew Joyce Albany County Legislature 112 State St, Room 700 Albany, NY 12207

Dear Mr. Joyce,

I am requesting legislative action to further the mission on the Office of the Albany County District Attorney. The attached resolution seeks 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 along with a budget amendment.

Attached is the request for legislative action and supporting documents. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 518-275-4701

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

P. David Soares

Albany County District Attorney

Cc: Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel Cc: Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

⊠ Revenue

• •	ter into a contract with, and receive funds from the the Gun Involved Violence Elimination				
Date:	6/14/2023				
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) with, and receive funds from the Division of Credit Elimination Partnership. 	Permission to submit an application, enter into a contract iminal Justice Services for the Gun Involved Violence				
CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS					
Increase/decrease category (choose ☐ Contractual ☐ Equipment ☒ Fringe ☒ Personnel ☐ Personnel Non-Individual	all that apply):				

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 ☐ Submission Date Deadline Click ☐ Settlement of a Claim ☐ Release of Liability ☒ Other: (state if not listed)	or tap to enter a date. Permission to submit an application, enter into a					
contract with, and receive funds from th Involved Violence Elimination Partnersh	e Division of Criminal Justice Services for the Gun nip.					
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: Scope of Services:	\$672,433 The funds will be used to fight gun crime in Albany County.					
Bond Res. No.: Date of Adoption:						
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 □					

Increase Account/Line No.: A1165-03334

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: A1165-03334 Revenue Amount: \$672,433

Appropriation Account and Line: A91165 – 1150, 12056G, 12057G, 12012, 14021, 14032,

89010, 89030, 89060, 44039, 22999, 44046 Appropriation Amount: \$672,433

Source of Funding – (Percentages)

Federal:

State: 100%

County: Local:

<u>Term</u>

Term: (Start and end date) 7/1/23 - 6/30/24

Length of Contract: 1 year.

Impact on Pending Litigation Yes □ No ☒

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:
Resolution/Law Number: 22-437
Date of Adoption: 11/14/22

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

This RLA covers the eighth 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. Previous GIVE awards have enabled us to partially fund an Assistant District Attorney in a supervisory role, and two Investigators working part-time in support of GIVE. Last year, we were also able to partially fund an Intelligence ADA who works closely with the Albany Police Department, Albany County Crime Analysis Center and the Crime Gun Intelligence Center. Exponential increases in the volume of gun related crimes have limited the efficacy of our state's deterrence investments thus far. In response, the Albany District attorney's Office has received an increase of \$412,378 in funding. With these additional resources provided in 2023 through GIVE X, it is our intention to maximize the use of the funds to fully fund two new lines for more experienced prosecutors who will also be assigned to the GIVE and CGIC group. The Intelligence ADA, which is a pre-existing line, will now be almost fully funded as well.

Sheet1

APPROPRIATIONS

ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME		
A 1165 1 2056G 130208 A 1165 1 2057G 130209 A 1165 1 2012 130126	Senior Gun Prosecutor Gun Prosecutor Intelligence ADA	\$ 39,334.00 \$ 34,000.00 \$ 30,667.00		\$ 118,000.00 \$ 102,000.00 \$ 92,000.00	District Attorney		
A 1165 8 9060	Social Security TOTAL APPROPRATIONS	\$ 7,957.00 \$111,958.00	\$0.00				
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ESTIMATED REVENUES							
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	\$0.00	\$111,958.00				
	GRAND TOTALS	\$111,958.00	\$111,958.00	:			



KATHY HOCHUL Governor ROSSANA ROSADO Commissioner YVONNE TURNER
Director of Funding

Grant Award Notice

Grantee/Contractor: Albany County District Attorney	Date: June 9, 2023
Program Name: GIVE (2023-24)	Award Amount: \$672,433.00 ¹
Signatory Name and Title: District Attorney David Soares	Term Dates: 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
Email: david.soares@albanycountyny.gov	Contract Number: C484932

Program Description: 2023-24 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 Raymond Neves in the DCJS Office of Public Safety (OPS) at (518) 402-8455 or Raymond.Neves@dcjs.ny.gov.

Grant Questions

PRIMARY CONTACT Katie Nardolillo

Public Safety Grants Representative NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Program Development and Funding Phone: (518) 457-6030

Email: Katie.Nardolillo@dcjs.ny.gov

SECONDARY CONTACT Dave Martin

Public Safety Grants Representative NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Program Development and Funding Phone: (518) 485-9607 Email: David.Martin@dcjs.ny.gov

Thank you for all the work you do to protect the public and keep our communities safe. We look forward to continuing to work with you in our shared public safety mission.

Attachment: Instruction Sheet, GMS Application Manual

^[1] 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.