

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

Grant Award Notice

Grantee/Contractor: Albany County	Date: June 14, 2024
Program Name: Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform	Award Amount \$719,859 ¹
Signatory Name and Title: County Executive Daniel McCoy	Term Dates: 4/1/23 to 3/31/25
Email: county_executive@albanycountyny.gov	

This award can be used for any eligible expenses incurred before 3/31/25.

The Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is pleased to provide this award letter to your county for the State's aid to defense for discovery reform program from State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023-2024 to support public defense services and expenses related to discovery reform implementation, including but not limited to digital evidence transmission technology, administrative support, computers, hardware and operating software, data connectivity, development of training materials, staff training, additional personnel or increased compensation to reflect additional responsibilities related to discovery, overtime costs, and litigation readiness.

Please note that you will not receive a DCJS grant contract for this funding; rather, money will be automatically disbursed to your county in one payment to streamline processing and facilitate timely distribution of funds. The county shall subsequently and promptly make this funding available to public defense service provider(s) that provide representation in criminal cases within 90 days of receipt. Funds shall be proportionally distributed by the county among public defense service provider(s) based upon the share of criminal cases assigned to them, or another reasonable and justifiable methodology that is based upon the needs and capabilities of the provider(s).

Consistent with the appropriation, this funding must be used to help offset the cost of public defense services related to discovery reform that your county incurred on or after the start of SFY 2023-24 (April 1, 2023). The above reference to the SFY 2023-2024 date of April 1, 2023 is included for State budgeting purposes only and is not intended to interfere with local budgetary planning, which typically operates on a different fiscal calendar.

^[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.

Grant Questions

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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.