

RESOLUTION NO. 363

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES REGARDING THE VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Introduced: 10/13/20

By Law Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 317 for 2019, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with the New York State Office of Victim Services regarding the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim and Witness Assistance grant program in a total amount of \$2,009,575 over a three-year term commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2022 with a potential two-year option to renew, and

WHEREAS, The Director of the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center has requested authorization to retroactively submit a grant application and enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Victim Services regarding the second year of the multi-year agreement in the amount of \$768,749 for the term commencing October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Director indicated that the funding will be used to support 15 staff positions providing direct services to crime victims, as well as operational costs throughout the duration of the term, and

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to retroactively submit a grant application and to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Victim Services regarding the VOCA Victim and Witness Assistance grant program in the amount of \$768,749 for the term commencing October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021, 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 – 10/13/20