

County of Albany

Harold L. Joyce
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 26, 2025

5:30 PM

**Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building
Cahill Room - First Floor**

Public Safety Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "T" FOR 2024: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AMENDING CHAPTER 288 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CODE, ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM PASSING DISTANCE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES
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CURRENT BUSINESS:

4. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES REGARDING THE STATEWIDE TARGETED REDUCTIONS IN INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE GRANT AND AMENDING THE 2025 PROBATION DEPARTMENT BUDGET

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 29, 2025

5:30 PM

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Cahill Room - First Floor**

Public Safety Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Present: Frank J. Commisso, Robert J. Beston, Gary W. Domalewicz, Beroro T. Efekoro, Gilbert F. Ethier and Patrice Lockart

Excused: Zach Collins, Timothy Lane and Susan Pedo

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "T" FOR 2024: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AMENDING CHAPTER 288 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CODE, ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM PASSING DISTANCE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

This item was tabled at request of sponsor.

3. LOCAL LAW NO. "T" FOR 2024: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AMENDING CHAPTER 288 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CODE, ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM PASSING DISTANCE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

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CURRENT BUSINESS:

4. AMENDING THE 2025 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. AMENDING THE 2025 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET: 2023 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS OPERATIONS GRANT

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES REGARDING THE 2024-25 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2025 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 542 FOR 2022 REGARDING THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

LOCAL LAW NO. “T” FOR 2024

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AMENDING CHAPTER 288 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CODE, ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM PASSING DISTANCE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced: 12/2/24

By Fein, Laurilliard, A. Joyce and Miller:

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BE IT ENACTED by the Albany County Legislature as follows:

Section 1. Article Creation.

Chapter 288, Article IV, **Minimum Passing Distance Requirements for Motor Vehicles**, is hereby created.

Section 2. §288-26, Title.

This local law shall be known as the “Albany County Safe Passing Law.”

Section 3. § 288-27, Legislative Intent.

The Albany County Legislature recognizes that bicyclists, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road users often need to share roadways with motor vehicles out of necessity.

The Legislature also acknowledges that in these situations, vulnerable road users are susceptible to the actions of motor vehicle operators who can pose a threat to their health and safety if passing too closely.

Therefore, this Legislature finds it necessary to establish a minimum passing distance for motor vehicles approaching or passing vulnerable road users.

Section 4. § 288-28, Vulnerable Road User.

“Vulnerable road user” means any pedestrian; person operating a wheelchair or other personal mobility device regardless of motorization; person operating a bicycle or other non-motorized mode of transportation such as roller skates, rollerblades, roller skis, skateboard, longboard, or unicycle; operator of roadway

construction, repair, or maintenance equipment; utility worker; construction worker; roadside assistance worker; operator of agricultural equipment; person riding, driving, or herding an animal; law enforcement officer; firefighter; emergency medical technician; or first responder.

Section 5. § 288-29, Minimum Distance Requirements for Motor Vehicles.

The operator of a motor vehicle that is approaching or passing vulnerable road user shall do so at a distance of at least three feet until safely clear thereof. The three-foot distance requirement shall not apply on roads with clearly-marked bicycle lanes as defined by New York Vehicle and Traffic Law § 102-a.

Section 6. § 288-30, Compliance with New York Vehicle and Traffic Law.

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Section 7. § 288-31, Penalties.

1. Any person committing the above-referenced offense shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not to exceed \$225 for a first offense, \$325 for a second offense and \$425 for any third or subsequent offense(s).
2. This section does not preclude a person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law.

Section 8. § 288-32, Applicability.

This law shall apply to all actions occurring on or after the effective date.

Section 9. § 288-33, Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subdivision, or other part of this local law or its application shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of the local law which shall remain in full force and effect except as limited by such order or judgment.

Section 10. § 288-34, SEQRA Compliance.

This County Legislature determines that this local law constitutes a “Type II action” pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and that no further action under SEQRA is required.

Section 11. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately following its filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Referred to Law and Public Safety Committees – 12/02/24

RESOLUTION NO. 823

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. “T” FOR 2024: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AMENDING CHAPTER 288 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CODE, ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM PASSING DISTANCE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

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DANIEL P. MCCOY
County Executive



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May 20, 2025

Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Re: Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE)
4.1.2025-3.31.2026

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is a request for Legislative Action for permission to accept funding from New York State Division of Criminal Justice for a new grant, for the Probation Department to participant in comprehensive partnership for Albany County. The partners in will include, Equinox Domestic Violence Services, Albany Police Department, Albany County District Attorney Office and the Probation Department. The STRIVE Grant partners will work together to change the way agencies respond to intimate partner violence.

Albany County Probation will assign a Probation Officer on a .5 basis to coordinate with STRIVE partners, which shall include field work for offenders under Probation Supervision and technology monitoring.

Albany County Probation has been awarded \$92,783. It is respectfully requested this be considered for acceptance.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (518) 487-5194.

Sincerely,

William Connors
Probation Director

WC/km
Enc.

cc: Honorable Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Honorable Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Esq., Majority Counsel
James Curran, Esq., Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-6615, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept funding for STRIVE Grant

Date: May 22, 2025

Department: Probation

Attending Meeting: William Connors

Submitted By: William Connors

Title: Probation Director

Phone: 518-487-5194

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization Enter text.

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses: New York State Division of Criminal Justice, 80 South Swan Street, Albany NY 12210

Enter text.

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 12 Months

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: 92,783

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: A33140 03078

Revenue Amount: 92,783

Appropriation Account and Line: Budget Amendment Attached

Appropriation Amount: 92,783

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)

New York State has awarded grant funding to Albany County, for Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE). Partners include Equinox Domestic Violence Services, Albany County District Attorney Office, Albany City Police Department, and the Probation Department. All partners will work together in a collaborate manor to reduce the risk of lethality or serious harm to victims of intimate partner violence and their families. The Probation Department will designate a Probation Officer to attend meetings and training with the goal of improving the ability of all partners to better monitor offenders while providing outreach services to victims and families.

USE WHOLE NUMBERS ONLY										
BUDGET LINE				DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME		
FUND	ORG	OBJ	PROJECT	FOR POSITIONS ONLY						
				STATE POS. CODE	POSITION CONTROL					
A	3140	19954	10000			Enhanced Pay	\$32,541		\$32,541	Probation Dept
A	3140	19900	10000			Overtime	\$10,000		\$75,150	Probation Dept
A	3140	44041	10000			Computer Fees	\$24,019		\$66,519	Probation Dept
A	3140	44039	10000			Conference/Training/Tuition	\$8,000		\$37,000	Probation Dept
A	3140	89010	10000			State Retirement	\$16,829		\$1,161,553	Probation Dept
A	3140	89030	10000			Social Security	\$1,394		\$611,722	Probation Dept
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS							\$92,783		\$0	

ESTIMATED REVENUES									
USE WHOLE NUMBERS ONLY									
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FUND	ORG	OBJ	PROJECT	FOR POSITIONS ONLY					
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A	33140	03078		STRIVE Grant		\$92,783	\$92,783	Probation Dept	
				TOTAL REVENUES		\$0	\$92,783		
				GRAND TOTAL		\$92,783	\$92,783		

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ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

PERSONNEL		Requested Budget	Awarded Budget
Job Title / Position			
STRIVE Analyst		\$46,025	\$46,025
Job Title/ Position Total		\$46,025	\$46,025
Fringe Benefits for Positions			
STRIVE Analyst		\$26,696	\$26,696
Fringe Benefits Total		\$26,696	\$26,696
TOTAL PERSONNEL		\$72,721	\$72,721
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH-RISK TEAM (DVHRT)			
Overtime		\$85,000	\$85,000
Equipment - one (1) Crime Lite AUTO Kit full spectrum illumination, capture and enhancement too		\$50,600	\$50,600
Cellular Telephone Plans		\$23,040	\$23,040
Child Safety Seats for Transportation		\$1,000	\$1,000
STRIVE Related Domestic Violence Awareness campaign materials		\$2,500	\$2,500
TOTAL DVHRT		\$162,140	\$162,140
LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (LAP)			
TOTAL LAP		\$0	\$0
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INTERVENTION (IPVI)			
TOTAL IPVI		\$0	\$0
TRAVEL & TRAINING			
Training: LAP Implementation Training		\$21,500	\$21,500
Training: STRIVE/IPV Related Training Conferences		\$8,000	\$8,000
Travel: Travel related to Conferences, Symposiums, or STRIVE Related Training		\$6,000	\$6,000
TOTAL TRAVEL & TRAINING		\$35,500	\$35,500
POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$270,361	\$270,361

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUDGET			
PERSONNEL		Requested Budget	Awarded Budget
Job Title / Position			
	Assistant District Attorney I	\$80,000	\$80,000
	Assistant District Attorney II	\$90,000	\$90,000
	Crime Victim Caseworker	\$62,525	\$62,525
Job Title/ Position Total		\$232,525	\$232,525
Fringe Benefits for Positions			
	Assistant District Attorney I	\$44,800	\$44,800
	Assistant District Attorney II	\$50,400	\$50,400
	Crime Victim Caseworker	\$35,014	\$35,014
Fringe Benefits Total		\$130,214	\$130,214
TOTAL PERSONNEL		\$362,739	\$362,739
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH-RISK TEAM (DVHRT)			
TOTAL DVHRT		\$0	\$0
LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (LAP)			
TOTAL LAP		\$0	\$0
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INTERVENTION (IPVI)			
TOTAL IPVI		\$0	\$0
TRAVEL & TRAINING			
	Training	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL TRAVEL & TRAINING		\$15,000	\$15,000
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TOTAL		\$377,739	\$377,739

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SERVICE PROVIDER BUDGET

PERSONNEL		Requested Budget	Awarded Budget
Job Title / Position			
	Strive Coordinator	\$55,000	\$55,000
	Police Advocate 1 FTE	\$45,760	\$45,760
	Police Advocate 1 FTE	\$45,760	\$45,760
	Chief Program Officer	\$10,400	\$10,400
	Director of DV Services	\$8,102	\$8,102
	Outreach Services Program Manager (Advocate Supervisor)	\$3,021	\$3,021
	Counselor	\$0	\$3,021
	Job Title/ Position Total	\$168,043	\$171,064
Fringe Benefits for Positions			
	Strive Coordinator	\$10,208	\$10,208
	Police Advocate 1 FTE	\$8,494	\$8,494
	Police Advocate 1 FTE	\$8,494	\$8,494
	Chief Program Officer	\$1,930	\$1,930
	Director of DV Services	\$1,506	\$1,506
	Outreach Services Program Manager (Advocate Supervisor)	\$561	\$561
	Counselor	\$0	\$561
	Fringe Benefits Total	\$31,193	\$31,754
	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$199,236	\$202,818
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH-RISK TEAM (DVHRT)			
	Overtime and On Call	\$50,000	\$40,000
	Administrative costs	\$92,337	\$92,337
	Program/Office & CCR Coordination Supplies:	\$30,000	\$25,000
	Communication / Cell Phone	\$3,008	\$3,008
	Printing & Outreach	\$10,000	\$6,000
	Office & Building expenses	\$6,000	\$6,000
	Client Emergency Funds & Emergency Relocation Funds	\$90,000	\$75,418
	Equipment and Software	\$10,000	\$10,000
	Interpretation and translation services	\$15,000	\$10,000
	Client Transportation	\$20,000	\$15,000
	Client Civil Legal Services	\$0	\$50,000
	TOTAL DVHRT	\$326,345	\$332,763
LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (LAP)			
	TOTAL LAP	\$0	\$0
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE INTERVENTION (IPVI)			
	TOTAL IPVI	\$0	\$0
TRAVEL & TRAINING			
	Staff Mileage	\$4,000	\$4,000
	Travel	\$33,000	\$28,000
	Training	\$53,000	\$48,000
	TOTAL TRAVEL & TRAINING	\$90,000	\$80,000
	SERVICE PROVIDER TOTAL	\$615,581	\$615,581

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET

PERSONNEL		Requested Budget	Awarded Budget
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Division of Criminal Justice Services

KATHY HOCHUL

Governor

ROSSANA ROSADO

Commissioner

CILLIAN FLAVIN

Deputy Commissioner

Grant Award Notice

Grantee/Contractor: Albany County Probation Department	Date: 5/19/2025
Program Name: STRIVE (Year I)	Award Amount: \$92,783
Signatory Name and Title: William Connors Director	Term Dates: 3/1/2025 – 3/31/2026
Email: william.connors@albanycounty.com	Contract Number: C485121
Program Description: Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) Initiative	
I am pleased to inform you that your organization will receive funding under the Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) grant program from State Fiscal Year 2025. This grant program was secured by Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature to improve the public safety response to intimate partner abuse and domestic violence. Please note that this funding is made available to your organization pursuant to the county plan submitted to, and approved by, the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). Funding shall be used for the prevention of – and intervention (e.g., enforcement, prosecution) in – incidences of intimate partner violence through evidence-based, survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive strategies. If you have any programmatic questions, please contact the DCJS Office of Public Safety (OPS) at STRIVE@dcjs.ny.gov. Your DCJS Office of Program Development and Funding (OPDF) Public Safety Grants Representative will be reaching out shortly with the next steps.	

We look forward to working with you in our shared efforts to help keep New Yorkers safe and ensure a justice system that works for all. Thank you for your continued partnership.