



Division of Criminal
Justice Services

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The Honorable Caroline A. Wojtaszek
Niagara County District Attorney
County Courthouse
175 Hawley Street
Lockport, NY 14094-2740

Mr. Bryan DalPorto
Superintendent
Niagara Falls City Police Department
1925 Main Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

RE: Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE)

Dear District Attorney Wojtaszek and Superintendent DalPorto:

I am pleased to advise you that the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has awarded your jurisdiction a Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) award of \$681,448 for the contract period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. These funds are to be used by your partnership to support targeted firearm and violent crime reduction efforts.

The attached spreadsheet reflects both your county's entire budget award for GIVE and the amount of funding approved by DCJS for each individual participating agency. The process DCJS utilizes to make GIVE award decisions is deliberate and focuses on awarding funds to positions and items deemed critical to the successful implementation of the proposed crime reduction strategies. Participating agencies should use the approved budget amounts in the "Awarded Budget" column on the attached spreadsheet when developing this year's GIVE contract with DCJS. Please also see the attached *Contract Instruction Sheet* for additional contract information and note that requested items must be submitted to DCJS within 30 days of receiving this letter to facilitate a timely contract execution. A DCJS program representative will contact your office in early April to assist in the completion of these items.

Should you have any questions, please contact Raymond Neves in the DCJS Office of Public Safety at (518) 402-8455 or e-mail Raymond.Neves@dcjs.ny.gov or Dave Martin in the DCJS Office of Program Development and Funding at (518) 485-9607 or e-mail at David.Martin@dcjs.ny.gov.

The GIVE initiative is a critical component of New York's shooting and homicide reduction strategy and we look forward to continuing our strong partnerships to make New York the safest large state in the nation.

Very truly yours,

Michael C. Green
Executive Deputy Commissioner

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Attachments (2)

1. *Budget Worksheet*
2. *2018-2019 Contract Instruction Sheet*

cc: James Voutour, Niagara County Sheriff's Office
John Cicchetti, Niagara County Probation
Dave Martin, DCJS
Raymond Neves, DCJS

