



Homeland Security and Emergency Services

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

JACKIE BRAY
Commissioner

January 28, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Fitzpatrick
Chair, Steuben County Legislature
3 East Pulteney Square
Bath, NY 14810

Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick:

I am pleased to announce that Steuben County has been awarded \$748,369 under the New York State 2024 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program (2024 SICG-Formula). This program, administered by my agency, allows for the State support to aid county, local and municipal public safety organizations in enhancing emergency response, improving capability, improvements in governance structures, operating procedures, infrastructure development, and addressing SAFECOM guidance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications (OEC). The 2024 SICG-Formula Program will concentrate on improving interoperability and operability of communications systems in New York State. Your participation in this program is another example of the successful partnerships we have been developing for public safety and emergency preparedness across the State.

The performance period for the 2024 SICG-Formula grant will be 36 months, beginning January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026, with the possibility of an extension based upon a good cause shown and ample justification for needing additional time. Expenses that you wish to claim must occur within that period. In order to provide these funds to you as quickly as possible, we will need to gather budget information within 45 calendar days from the date of this letter that reflects the award amount. Our Grants Program Administration staff will work with your designated SICG point of contact to provide additional administrative guidance and to develop a grant contract.

On behalf of Governor Kathy Hochul, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services remains committed to providing outstanding support in the administration of *"your public safety first"* responder initiatives. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, at 518-242-5000, or my Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications (OIEC) Director, Mark Balistreri, at 518-322-4939.

Thank you for your cooperation in this public safety endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqueline Bray".

Jackie Bray
Commissioner