

**RESOLUTION NO. 317**

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

Introduced: 8/12/19

By Law Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center has requested authorization to enter into a multi-year agreement with the New York State Office of Victim Services regarding the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim and Witness Assistance 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 renewal option dependent on future VOCA funding on the federal level, and

WHEREAS, The Director has also requested authorization to enter into the first year of the multi-year agreement in the amount of \$638,401 for the term commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, 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 three-year term, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Victim Services regarding the VOCA Victim and Witness Assistance 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 renewal option, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is further authorized to enter into the first year of the multi-year agreement in the amount of \$638,401 for the term commencing October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, 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 – 8/12/19*