

COUNTY EXECUTIVE – 1230

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the County Executive is to ensure the efficient, responsible and transparent operation and delivery of services for and with Albany County's diverse community.

WHO WE SERVE

Albany County government serves a population of 304,204 as per the 2010 census. Residents are spread out over three cities, six villages and ten towns in an area that covers 582 square miles.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

The County Executive is the Chief Executive Officer of County government, elected by the voters of Albany County to a four-year term of office. Responsibilities of the Office include directing, coordinating and monitoring the activities of all County administrative units under the County Executive's control: appointing administrative heads of departments; approving and executing contracts and agreements for the County as authorized; directing the creation of the Proposed Annual Budget; maintaining communications with federal, state and local governments; and directing special projects requiring coordination among County departments.

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- Piloting the creation of an Indigent Defense Bill reforming the existing public defense structure for New York State, guaranteeing quality legal representation for the poor. This legislation, which has passed both the Assembly and Senate, will have the State reimburse all New York counties for the cost of their public defense which cost Albany County roughly \$6 million annually.
- Calling for a full Environmental Impact Study on the operations of Global Oil at the Port of Albany. Continuing in place a moratorium on the expansion of Global Oil facility and continuing to press Federal and State Officials for stricter safety measures on the transport of oil by rail.
- Revitalizing the community by continuing to work with the Albany County Land Bank, which has continued to reduce the cost of maintaining derelict properties off the county tax rolls. To date, Albany County has committed \$1.5 million to the Land Bank.
- Entering into contracts to begin revitalization of the Albany County Convention Center, a project that will invigorate downtown Albany by coinciding with the creation of the Albany Capital Center and the renovation of the Palace Theater. This project will bring thousands of new individuals to the downtown area, along with sales tax revenue, job growth and economic development.
- Expanding recreational opportunity by paving the first 4 mile stretch of the Albany County Rail Trail. The Rail Trail has proven to not only get people outdoors to enjoy nature, but it has also increased commerce for adjacent businesses driven up property values for neighboring homes.
- Investigating the equitable delivery of county services to our residents through working with the Center for Human Services Research at the University of Albany. This project will systemically assess the operations and efficiency of our social and human services related departments with the goal of creating an equity agenda to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents.
- Partnering with the Amateur Athletic Union to deliver karate, hockey, flag football, basketball and lacrosse programs to hundreds of youth within the cities and rural areas of our county at no cost to the parents. Run by the County Recreation Department, these programs encourage physical fitness and model citizenship to our young residents.
- Successfully securing funding for and implementing a Senior Housing Rehabilitation Program in partnership with the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance. This program is available to persons age 60 and up who own their home and who meet certain income and eligibility criteria. The purpose for this program is to provide direct assistance to members of our senior population to make necessary improvements to their homes in order to maintain an independent lifestyle.
- Successfully securing funding for and introducing a Microenterprise Grant Program in partnership with the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce. This program is designed to provide direct assistance to small business owners and entrepreneurs who wish to locate their business in designated areas of Albany County. The mission of the program is to increase the presence of microenterprise and start-up companies in Albany County and provide employment opportunities for low-to-moderate income individuals.

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2017 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- Complete paving of the Albany County Rail Trail, expanding the trail from Slingerlands to Voorheesville.
- Break ground on the SoldierOn Site, a project that was approved this summer by the Albany County Legislature and the Colonie Town Board.
- Address the rising number of deaths related to suicide through a dedicated taskforce comprised of leaders in the fields of psychology, public health and suicide.
- Continue expanding on Project Growth, partnering the Probation Department with local labor unions to offer education to youth while completing restorative justice.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2017 Executive budget for the Albany County Executive’s Office does not include any substantive programmatic changes.

A1230 County Executive		2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2017	2017	
		Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted	
Personnel Services Individual									
A1230	10100 001 170001	County Executive	1	1	\$125,559	\$129,326	\$133,206	\$133,206	-
A1230	11352 001 170003	Director of Communications	1	1	\$82,500	\$84,150	\$87,833	\$87,833	-
A1230	11810 001 170004	Deputy County Executive	1	1	\$113,411	\$125,000	\$127,500	\$127,500	-
A1230	11922 001 170005	Director of Operations	1	1	\$102,071	\$104,113	\$106,196	\$106,196	-
A1230	11923 001 170019	Director Of Research	1	1	\$65,795	\$67,111	\$70,000	\$70,000	-
A1230	12049 001 170024	Counsel to County Executive	1	1	\$0	\$115,000	\$117,300	\$117,300	-
A1230	12550 001 170006	Senior Policy Analyst	1	1	\$80,761	\$83,421	\$85,090	\$85,090	-
A1230	12550 002 170018	Senior Policy Analyst	1	1	\$56,938	\$67,111	\$68,454	\$68,454	-
A1230	12551 003 170009	Senior Policy Analyst	1	1	\$40,769	\$56,100	\$57,222	\$57,222	-
A1230	12559 001 170002	Special Assist.to Executive	1	1	\$38,607	\$43,267	\$44,133	\$44,133	-
A1230	12559 002 170026	Special Assist.to Executive	0	0	\$31,068	\$0	-	-	-
A1230	12560 001 170020	Senior Grant Writer	1	1	\$37,845	\$59,535	\$60,726	\$60,726	-
A1230	15506 001 170011	Executive Assistant	1	1	\$48,571	\$49,543	\$50,534	\$50,534	-
A1230	16401 003 170012	Confidential Secretary	1	1	\$45,000	\$49,543	\$50,534	\$50,534	-
<i>Personnel Services Individual Subtotal</i>			13	13	\$868,896	\$1,033,220	\$1,058,728	\$1,058,728	\$0
Personnel Non-Individual									
A	1230 19942	County Intern Program			\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
A	1230 19950	Longevity Raise			\$2,000	\$2,150	\$3,650	\$3,650	\$0
A	1230 19951	Health Insurance Buyout			\$4,167	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
A	1230 19970	Temporary Help			\$0	\$13,925	\$13,925	\$13,925	\$0
Subtotal for: Personnel Non-Individual					\$6,167	\$34,075	\$34,575	\$34,575	\$0
Equipment									
A	1230 22001	Office Equipment			\$326	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
Subtotal for: Equipment					\$326	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
Contractual Expenses									
A	1230 44020	Office Supplies			\$3,113	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
A	1230 44035	Postage			\$547	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
A	1230 44036	Telephone			\$3,153	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
A	1230 44037	Insurance			\$2,530	\$2,657	\$2,402	\$2,402	\$0
A	1230 44039	Conferences/Training/Tuition			\$4,009	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
A	1230 44040	Books/Transcripts/Subscripts			\$1,538	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
A	1230 44042	Printing And Advertising			\$5,380	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0
A	1230 44046	Fees For Services			\$11,527	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$0
A	1230 44070	Equipment Repair And Rental			\$1,520	\$4,035	\$3,340	\$3,340	\$0
A	1230 44300	Association Dues			\$19,196	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
A	1230 44903	DGS Shared Services Charges			\$50,574	\$49,967	\$51,349	\$51,349	\$0
Subtotal for: Contractual Expenses					\$103,087	\$110,159	\$110,591	\$110,591	\$0
Fringe Benefits									
A	1230 89010	State Retirement			\$154,707	\$190,589	\$194,775	\$194,775	\$0
A	1230 89030	Social Security			\$66,218	\$81,648	\$81,366	\$81,366	\$0
A	1230 89060	Hospital and Medical Insurance			\$130,796	\$105,068	\$196,799	\$196,799	\$0
Subtotal for: Fringe Benefits					\$351,720	\$377,305	\$472,940	\$472,940	\$0
Total Appropriations					\$1,330,195	\$1,555,259	\$1,677,334	\$1,677,334	\$0
Revenue									
Total Revenue					\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Share					\$1,330,195	\$1,555,259	\$1,677,334	\$1,677,334	\$0