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Cayuga County to receive nearly \$400,000 for Disaster Preparedness and Counterterrorism Efforts

Auburn, NY – Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that Cayuga County was awarded nearly \$400,000 in federal funds through various grant programs.

The State Homeland Security Program designated \$154,955 to help Cayuga County prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic disasters. 75% of the funding will go towards emergency management planning and 25% is required to be used for law enforcement terrorism prevention efforts.

Another \$34,719 were awarded through the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program and support disaster and emergency training for emergency management professionals.

The County Sheriff's Office secured \$175,000 in FEMA's Operation Stonegarden grant funding to enhance coordination and cooperation between law enforcement agencies to protect our northern international border.

"The safety of Cayuga County residents is our main concern," said Patrick V. Mahunik, Chair of the Cayuga County Legislature. "We are grateful for the federal funding that ensures more training and resources for our emergency management and law enforcement personnel."

"We want to make sure our professionals are prepared when disaster hits," said Andrew Dennison, Chair of the Legislature's Judicial & Public Safety Committee. "We appreciate the awarded funds that will help them protect our communities and residents."

"On behalf of all the great members of our Cayuga County Sheriff's Department we thank the Federal Government and the Governor for the federal funds that are designated for disaster preparedness and counterterrorism," said Sheriff Dave Gould. "These funds will certainly help our Sheriff's members with special details pertaining to counterterrorism and working with our local, state and federal law enforcement agencies."

"We are thrilled about these federal grant funds coming to Cayuga County every year," said J. Justin Woods, County Administrator. "Our Emergency Management and Sheriff's offices will put them to good use."

The press release by Governor Cuomo can be found at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-nearly-224-million-federal-funding-preparedness-and-counterterrorism>.

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