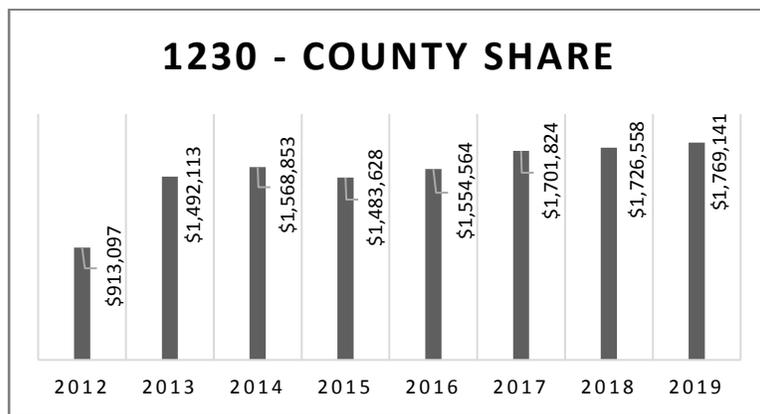


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MISSION STATEMENT

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. A major initiative of the County Executive has been the development and implementation of an equity agenda throughout the County. Equity is defined as "the state, quality or ideal of being just, impartial and fair." In this context, equity means that factors such as racial-ethnic background, national origin, gender, sexual identity and gender expression, disability, age, religious affiliation, and place are not predictors of outcomes in people's lives. To achieve this goal we have collaborated with the Center for Human Services Research of the University at Albany.

WHO WE SERVE

Albany County government serves a diverse 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

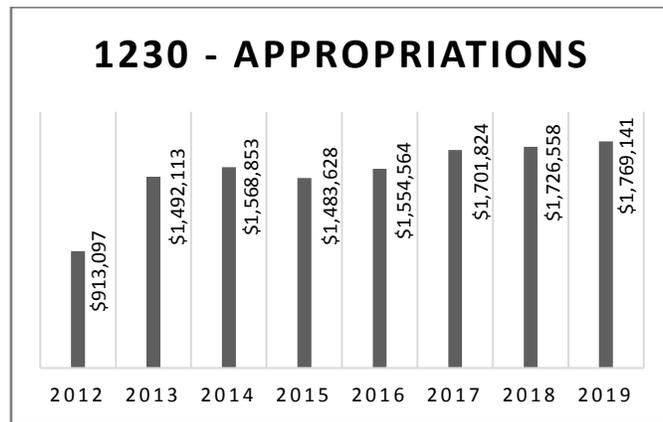
The County Executive is the Chief Executive Officer of County government, elected by the voters of Albany County to a four-year term of office. Responsibilities of the Office include directing, coordinating and monitoring the activities of all County administrative units under the County Executive's 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.

2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- Developing an equity agenda with SUNY Albany's Center for Human Services Research to assess how the county can improve policies and programs for residents.
- Continued the efforts of the Albany County Opioid Task Force to reduce the scourge of the opioid epidemic.
- Completed paving for the final section of the Rail Trail which now links Albany to Voorheesville. Additionally, amenities such as exercise stations, donated benches, little libraries and murals have been added through partnerships with grassroots organizations and engaged individuals.
- Added four electric cars to the county fleet to reduce Albany County's carbon footprint through a NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities grant.
- Passed an updated Shared Services plan, providing savings to multiple districts and municipalities through creative solutions to share government resources.
- Convened the Albany County Foster Care Task Force to create new and innovative methods and partnerships improving the success of foster care cases and increasing the number of foster care families in Albany County.
- Completed construction of the Times Union Center Atrium and other facility improvements, greatly enhancing amenities for guests and revitalizing the face of downtown Albany.
- Continued the success of Project Growth, a restorative justice program that educates and trains youth to increase employability and decrease recidivism.
- Expand indigent legal services through a leading role in regional efforts to provide those in need with the legal services they are rightfully entitled to.

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- Expanded youth recreational opportunities offered by the county's partnership with the Amateur Athletic Union across the county.
- Continued the work of the Suicide Task Force by addressing the growing issue of suicides in Albany County with the first annual "Lights of Hope" event.
- Broke ground on new construction at the Albany County Nursing Home ensuring residents not only receive the highest care possible but also have the best living accommodations available.
- Convened the Albany County Prematurity Improvement Network, a partnership with Albany Promise and March of Dimes, to address disparities in birth outcomes within Albany County.
- Filed a federal lawsuit against opioid manufacturers with the goal of changing the environment in which opioid manufacturers operate to better protect consumers and combat the opioid epidemic.



2019 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- Identify and create hazard mitigation measures to protect against increased natural disasters due to climate change through a County-wide Planning Resiliency grant.
- Complete and implement the County Equity Agenda to address disparities in delivery of county services across all county departments.
- Create a full-time position for an Equity Agenda Coordinator in this budget to ensure that our focus remains on guaranteeing that every employee and resident has access to the services they need to achieve their goals.
- Continue developing innovative programs to achieve the mission of making Albany County the greenest county in New York State.
- Expand and improve shared services to include the creation of a health consortium to reduce insurance costs for participating municipalities.
- Begin the engineering phase of the anaerobic digester project, designed to deliver clean energy and cost savings to the Albany County Water Purification District.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2019 Executive budget for the Albany County Executive's Office does not include any substantive programmatic budget changes.