



**Division of Criminal
Justice Services**

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

MICHAEL C. GREEN
Executive Deputy Commissioner

October 20, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
The Capitol, Executive Chamber
Albany, NY 12224

Re. Audit Report – 2019-S-21

Dear Governor Cuomo:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Office of the State Comptroller's ("OSC") above-referenced final audit report relating to Administration and Monitoring of Public Protection Grants. On behalf of the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and pursuant to Executive Law § 170, I write to provide confirmatory information concerning DCJS' response to OSC's recommendation detailed in the final audit report. For ease of review, we have listed OSC's recommendation followed by our corrective action:

Take steps to increase GIVE grantee accountability over confidential funds. These could include, for example, reemphasizing the contract requirement to maintain a record of authorization of these funds, and verifying grantee compliance on a sample basis.

DCJS' Response to Recommendation:

The Division agrees with this recommendation. DCJS has eliminated confidential funds from GIVE contract budgets beginning with contracts that started on July 1, 2020.

Very truly yours,

Michael C. Green
Executive Deputy Commissioner

cc: Honorable Thomas P. DiNapoli, Comptroller, State of New York
Honorable Kathy C. Hochul, Senate President
Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senate President Pro Tem and Majority Leader
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Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senate Chair, Finance Committee
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