ALBANY — New York is doling out $13.1 million in grants to local communities to fight gun violence, including $521,411 for local law enforcement.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Thursday that the money will go to 17 counties that participate in the state’s Gun Involvement Violence Elimination, or GIVE, initiative, which provides funding for law enforcement training and personnel.

The City of Poughkeepsie Police Department and Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office are the city’s and the county’s office and probation.

“We’ve worked tirelessly to combat gun violence across this state and pro-actively engage in strategies that help reduce it,” Cuomo said in a statement. “The GIVE initiative gives law enforcement agen- cies the resources necessary for fight- ing gun violence in our streets, and helps create a safer and stronger New York for all.”

While multiple Dutchess County agencies are involved, including the sheriff’s office and district attorney’s office, the bulk of the funding is going to the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department to help curb certain targeted areas. Of that fund- ing, $130,200 is earmarked for overtime in order to increase patrols throughout the city.

“The areas targeted, changes based on real-time crime data,” acting Police Chief Capt. Thomas Pape said. For ex- ample, if the department is seeing an increase in shots fired, they’ll increase patrols in a particular location “that would be one of the areas where we’d deploy the extra patrols to deter that type of activ- ity.”

Pape said some of the funding also goes toward the Family Part- nership Center in Poughkeepsie for at- risk youth, and the Phoenix Task For- ce in Poughkeepsie. Delineation of the remaining funds, as well as how the various county agencies couldn’t immediately be located.

The 17 counties enrolled in the initia- tive receive up to 90 percent of violent crime in the state outside of New York City, by county.

This is the second year of the grant’s two-year contract, let the county’s coun- tec the same amount of grants, which mostly go to police de- partments, sheriff offices, and probation depart- ments.

Ulster County authorities will be giving $291,000.

Staff writer Amanda Fries contribut- ed to this report.

Help stop mental illness stigmas

The walk is nice and the fundraising important for both organizations. But what the event really is about is people. At least 8.4 million Americans are providing care to an adult with an emotional or mental health issue.

This year’s event commemorates Wolf, who founded Mill Street Loft 35 years ago and will be stepping down as executive director this year.

In Brief

Beacon woman arrested under Leandra’s Law

EAST FISHKILL — A Beacon woman was arrested under Leandra’s Law Wednesday after she alleg- edly drove intoxicated with a child in her car, according to state police.

Police arrested Elizabeth Ross, 44, of 2600 Route 299 in Poughkeepsie, by refinancing bonds.

Dutchess County could save $93,000 annually by refinancing bonds

Dutchess County could save $93,000 annually by refinancing existing bonds. The Dutchess County Board of Supervisors approved the measure in May.

Some of the county’s bonds, which originally were taken out in 2007 and 2008, would provide a total of $1.1 million in savings over the remaining 13 years of the bonds. The new interest rates would average about 1.8 percent going forward, according to Communications Director Colin Pugh said.

The bonds have had interest rates between 4.425 percent and 5 percent, according to a news release.

Pugh said that this is an additional savings that wasn’t incorporated into the debt service that the county did when factoring the now-approved new $92 million jail and sheriff’s office proposal.

The resolution authorizing the refi- nancing will be up for review at the April 11 board meeting.

Meetings start at 7 p.m. in the coun- ty office building’s legislative cham- bers. County officials said they antici- pate closing on the bond issue in June.