

County of Albany

Harold L. Joyce
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 27, 2022

5:00 PM

Held Remotely

Health Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
2. LOCAL LAW NO. "K" FOR 2021: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS
3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PSYCHIATRIC GROUP OF ALBANY REGARDING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

CURRENT BUSINESS:

4. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 173 FOR 2020 REGARDING THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2022 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET
5. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REGARDING THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM GRANT
6. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING THE COVID RELIEF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH JAIL DIVERSION GRANT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
7. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING THE JOSEPH P. DWYER PEER SUPPORT PROJECT FOR VETERANS AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021

5:00 PM

Held Remotely

Health Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Present: Legislator Raymond F. Joyce, Legislator Dustin M. Reidy, Matthew J. Miller, Peter B. Tunny, Sean E. Ward, Wanda F. Willingham, Robert J. Beston and Richard N. Touchette

Excused: Alison McLean Lane

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 322: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "K" FOR 2021 A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS

This proposal was tabled at the request of the Sponsor.

3. LOCAL LAW NO. "K" FOR 2021: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS

This Local Law was tabled at the request of the Sponsor.

CURRENT BUSINESS:**4. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 370 FOR 2021 TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING REGARDING THE COVID19 VACCINE RESPONSE PROGRAM**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. AMENDING THE 2021 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUDGET: PUBLIC HEALTH TECHNICIAN

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. AMENDING THE 2021 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET: OVERTIME

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES REGARDING PATIENT AND BILLING SOFTWARE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. AUTHORIZING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS SERVICES

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PSYCHIATRIC GROUP OF ALBANY REGARDING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

This proposal was tabled at the request of the Committee.

10. AMENDING THE 2021 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET: OVERTIME

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS REGARDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

12. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH REGARDING WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

LOCAL LAW NO. “K” FOR 2021

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS

Introduced: 9/13/21

By: Messrs. A. Joyce, Feeney and Domalewicz, Beston, Bruschi, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Cleary, Commisso, Efekoro, Ethier, Fein, R. Joyce, Kuhn, Ms. Lekakis, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McLaughlin, Mclean Lane, Messrs. Miller, Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard, Simpson and Smith:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, as follows:

SECTION 1: TITLE

This Local Law shall be known as “The Albany County Prescription Opioid Safe Disposal Law.”

SECTION 2: PURPOSE AND INTENT

In 2017, this honorable body authorized the County Attorney to join litigation against major drug manufacturers to recover current and future damages to the County taxpayers from abuse of opioid pharmaceuticals. Since then, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to an increase in drug-related overdoses in the County. Any reduction in the availability of opioid medications by persons for which the drugs were not prescribed will assist the efforts of ending the opioid epidemic. Proper safe disposal of unused opioids is essential to being certain the drugs do not end up in the wrong hands, or in our environment.

Portable personal use pharmaceutical disposal systems enable the safe and environmentally friendly deactivation of the harmful chemical compounds in opioids. These inexpensive devices can assist in the proper disposal of opioids if provided to wherever a prescription is filled. Under the Albany County Prescription Opioid Safe Disposal Law, points of distribution for prescription opioids within the County will be required to provide each patient with a portable personal use pharmaceutical disposal system with each opioid prescription. Placing prescription opioid disposal systems directly in the hands of patients when the prescription is delivered will provide a more immediate and efficient opportunity for patients to deactivate and properly dispose of prescribed opioids thereby further mitigating the adverse effects of opioids on our County residents and the community.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

3.1 “Controlled opioid” means each opioid-related drug and other substance listed in paragraphs (b) and (c) of Schedule II of Section 1308.12 of Part 1308-Schedules of Controlled Substances of Title 21 of the code of Federal Regulations.

3.2 “Deliver” or “delivery” means the actual, constructive or attempted transfer from one person to another of a prescribed opioid, whether or not there is an agency relationship.

3.3 “Dispense” means to deliver a prescribed opioid to an ultimate user, including by means of the internet, and includes the packaging, labelling, or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for delivery.

3.4 “Internet” means, collectively, computer and telecommunications facilities which comprise the worldwide network of networks that employ a set of industry standards and protocols, or any predecessor or successor protocol to such protocol, to exchange information of all kinds. “Internet,” as used in this Local Law, also includes other networks, whether private or public, used to transmit information by electronic means.

3.5 “Non-retrievable” means the condition or state to which an Opioid shall be rendered following a process that permanently alters that Opioid’s physical or chemical condition or state through irreversible means and thereby renders the Opioid unavailable and unusable for all practical purposes. An Opioid is considered “Non-retrievable” when it cannot be transformed to a physical or chemical condition or state as a controlled substance, as defined in 21 C.F.R. 802(6), or controlled substance analogue, as defined in 21 C.F.R. 802(32)(A).

3.6 “Opioid” means any drug or other substance having an addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of conversion into a drug having such addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability.

3.7 “Person” means individual, institution, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

3.8 “Pharmaceutical disposal system” means a portable product designed for personal use by the ultimate user for the purpose of allowing the ultimate user of a prescribed opioid to deactivate the prescribed opioid to a non-retrievable condition or state.

3.8 “Practitioner” means a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or other person licensed or otherwise permitted under law to dispense a prescribed opioid. Such person shall be deemed a “practitioner” only as to such substances, or conduct relating to such substances, as is permitted by his or her license, permit or otherwise permitted by law.

3.9 “Prescribed opioid” means any controlled opioid dispensed pursuant to a prescription by a practitioner.

3.10 “Prescription” shall mean an official New York state prescription, an electronic prescription, an oral prescription, an out-of-state prescription, or any one of the foregoing.

3.11 “Ultimate user” means a person who has lawfully obtained, and who possesses, a prescribed opioid for his or her own use or for the use of a member of his or her household.

SECTION 4: PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

4.1 Simultaneously with the delivery of a prescribed opioid in the County to an ultimate user, the person authorized by law to dispense such prescribed opioid must also simultaneously deliver to the ultimate user a pharmaceutical disposal system.

4.2 No person delivering a pharmaceutical disposal system to an ultimate user pursuant to Section 4.1 of this Local Law may charge the ultimate user a fee or other monetary amount for the pharmaceutical disposal system itself, the delivery of the pharmaceutical disposal system to the ultimate user, or any other cost incurred by such person with respect to his, her or its compliance with Section 4.1 of this Local Law.

SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT

The County Department of Health is hereby granted and shall have the authority to enforce this Local Law on behalf of the County. The County Department of Health may coordinate enforcement with the County Department of Consumer Affairs.

SECTION 6: PENALTIES

Upon a violation of this Local Law the County Department of Health is hereby authorized to enforce this Local Law by exercise of any one or more of its powers granted to it under the New York State Public Health Law and regulations thereunder, including, without limitation, imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) upon a person for any and each and every violation of, or failure to comply with, any provision of this Local Law.

SECTION 7: AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS

7.1 The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health (“Commissioner”) is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate such rules and regulations as he or she deems necessary to implement this law.

7.2 Any rules and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner shall provide a mechanism for covering the costs associated with the pharmaceutical disposal

systems, with such costs being covered out of any settlement related to the lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies.

SECTION 8: ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

8.1 In adopting and implementing this Local Law, the County assumes an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. The County does not assume or impose upon its officials and employees an obligation by which any one or more of them could be liable in money damages to any person or entity who claims that a breach proximately caused injury.

8.2 This Local Law shall be construed so as not to conflict with applicable federal or state laws, rules or regulations. Nothing in this Local Law shall authorize any County bureau or department to impose any duties or obligations in conflict with limitations on municipal authority established by state or federal law at the time such bureau or department action is taken. The County shall suspend enforcement of this Local Law to the extent that said enforcement would conflict with any preemptive state or federal legislation subsequently adopted.

8.3 Nothing in this Local Law is intended to protect anticompetitive or collusive conduct nor shall this Local Law be construed to modify, impair, or supersede the operation of any antitrust law or unfair competition law of the State of New York or the United States.

8.4 This Local Law shall be construed in accordance with New York State law, including, without limitation, Title 15 (Storage, Treatment, Disposal and Transportation of Regulated Medical Waste) of Article 27 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and shall not be construed in any way that would result in conflict with or preemption by any state law.

8.5 This Local Law shall be null and void on the date that statewide or federal legislation goes into effect, incorporating either the same or substantially similar provisions as are contained in this Local Law, or in the event that a pertinent state or federal administrative agency issues and promulgates regulations preempting such action by the County. The County Legislature may determine by resolution whether or not identical or substantially similar statewide legislation has been enacted for the purposes of triggering the provisions of this Section 6.5.

SECTION 9: STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT COMPLIANCE

The County Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this Local Law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and/or (27) of Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the New York Environmental Conservation Law as a promulgation of

regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection.

SECTION 10: SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, or business shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its specific application.

SECTION 11: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall become effective as provided in Municipal Home Rule Law §27.

Referred to Law and Health Committees – 9/13/21



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October 27, 2021

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a one year contract with Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA) for the provision of psychiatrist and nurse practitioner mental health services to patients being served at the Albany County Department of Mental Health, ACT Team and the Albany County Correctional Facility. Contract is not to exceed \$2,042,040 annually.

Feel free to contact Mark Gleason or me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-2858, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Contract Authorization for PGA (Psychiatric Group of Albany) for the provision of psychiatric services to patients served by Albany County Department Mental Health

Date:	October 15, 2021
Submitted By:	Mark Gleason
Department:	Mental Health
Title:	Operations Analyst
Phone:	518-447-3014
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Dr. Stephen Giordano, Director

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel

- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):
Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA) Hilton Road, Slingerlands NY 12159

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$2,042,040
Scope of Services: For the provision of psychiatric services to patients served by
Albany County Department Mental Health

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: AA4310.44248

Appropriation Amount: \$2,042,040

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

County: 100%

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2022-12/31/2022

Length of Contract: 12 months

Impact on Pending Litigation Yes No

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: #492

Date of Adoption: 12/7/2020

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a one year contract Renewal/extension with Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA) for the provision of psychiatrist and nurse practitioner mental health services to patients being served at the Albany County Department of Mental Health, ACT Team and the Albany County Correctional Facility. Contract is not to exceed \$2,042,040 annually. Thomas Qualtere MD manages Psychiatric Group of Albany (PGA); Dr. Qualtere has been providing services to the Albany County Department of Mental Health for 28 years. The advantage of this arrangement is that there has been a high quality of psychiatric care and stability of services to our patients. Dr. Qualtere provides clinical management of the entire PGA psychiatric team and coordinates time off for his staff for sufficient coverage for our patient's needs.

RESOLUTION NO. 492**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PSYCHIATRIC GROUP OF ALBANY REGARDING PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES**

Introduced: 12/7/20
By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The Director of the Albany County Department of Mental Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Psychiatric Group of Albany regarding psychiatrist and mental health nurse practitioner services for patients at the Department of Mental Health, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team, and the Albany County Corrections & Rehabilitative Services Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,963,500 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Director indicated that Psychiatric Group of Albany will provide high quality psychiatric care and stability of services to patients served by the Department of Mental Health, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Psychiatric Group of Albany, Slingerlands, NY 12159 regarding psychiatrist and mental health nurse practitioner services for patients at the Department of Mental Health, ACT Team, and the Albany County Corrections & Rehabilitative Services Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,963,500 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.



DANIEL P. McCOY
County Executive

ELIZABETH F. WHALEN, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health

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1/7/2022

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) has been notified of a one year extension to our existing Healthy Neighborhood Program (HNP) contract. This contract was set to expire on March 31, 2021. The HNP is designed to provide preventative environmental health services to targeted geographic areas, usually comprised of low-income families, living in homes and neighborhoods with a disproportionate number of residential hazards. ACDOH will subcontract with Cornell Cooperative Extension - Albany County, to implement the program in targeted areas in the City of Albany. ACDOH is requesting approval to amend our current contract with NYS with an updated contract end date of March 31, 2022 and to amend the 2022 health department budget.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Minority Counsel

Enclosures



Albany County Department of Health is nationally accredited and meets rigorous public health standards set forth to best meet the needs of our community.



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-3036, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Request to amend the contract for the Healthy Neighborhood Program with NYS and amend the 2022 Health dept budget.

Date:	1/7/2022
Submitted By:	Dr. Elizabeth Whalen
Department:	Health
Title:	Commissioner of Health
Phone:	518-447-4584
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Dr. Elizabeth Whalen

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel

- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: A4010.4.4046
Source of Funds: NYSDOH
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

NYS Dept of Health
Bureau of Community Environmental Health & Food Protection
Corning Tower Building, Room 1395
Albany, NY 12237

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$263,340

Scope of Services: The Healthy Neighborhood Program (HNP) is designed to provide preventative environmental health services to targeted geographic areas, usually comprised of low-income families, living in homes and neighborhoods with a disproportionate number of residential hazards.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No

If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: A4010.0.4417

Revenue Amount: \$263,340

Appropriation Account and Line: A4010.4.4046

Appropriation Amount: \$263,340

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: 100%

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 7/1/2015 - 3/31/2022

Length of Contract: 80 months

Impact on Pending Litigation Yes No

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: Reso 173

Date of Adoption: 5/11/2020

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) has been notified of a one year extension to our existing Healthy Neighborhood Program (HNP) contract. This contract was set to expire on March 31, 2021. The HNP is designed to provide preventative environmental health services to targeted geographic areas, usually comprised of low-income families, living in homes and neighborhoods with a disproportionate number of residential hazards. ACDOH will subcontract with Cornell Cooperative Extension - Albany County, to implement the program in targeted areas in the City of Albany. ACDOH is requesting approval to amend our current contract with NYS with an updated contract end date of March 31, 2022 and to amend the 2022 health department budget.

APPROPRIATIONS						
	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
A	4010 4	4046 Fees For Services	\$ 263,340.00	\$ -		Health Dept.
		TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 263,340.00	\$ -		
REVENUES						
	ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
A	4010 0	4417 Healthy Neighborhoods Grant	\$ -	\$ 263,340.00		Health Dept.
		TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ -	\$ 263,340.00		
		GRAND TOTALS	\$ 263,340.00	\$ 263,340.00		

STATE OF NEW YORK MASTER CONTRACT FOR GRANTS FACE PAGE

<p>STATE AGENCY (Name & Address):</p> <p>NYS Department of Health Bur. of Community Environmental Health & Food Protection Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower Bldg., Room 1395 Albany, NY 12237</p>	<p>BUSINESS UNIT/DEPT. ID: 3450000</p> <p>CONTRACT NUMBER: C030513</p> <p>CONTRACT TYPE:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-Year Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Simplified Renewal Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Term Agreement</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR SFS PAYEE NAME:</p> <p>Albany County Department of Health</p>	<p>TRANSACTION TYPE:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR DOS INCORPORATED NAME:</p>	<p>PROJECT NAME:</p> <p>Healthy Neighborhoods Program</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:</p> <p>NYS Vendor ID Number: 1000002428 Federal Tax ID Number: 146002563 DUNS Number (if applicable):</p>	<p>AGENCY IDENTIFIER:</p> <p>CFDA NUMBER (Federally Funded Grants Only):</p> <p>93.991</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR PRIMARY MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p>175 Green Street Albany, NY 12202</p> <p>CONTRACTOR PAYMENT ADDRESS:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check if same as primary mailing address</p> <p>112 State Street, Room 1030 Albany, NY 12207</p> <p>CONTRACT MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if same as primary mailing address</p>	<p>CONTRACTOR STATUS:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Profit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipality, Code:01-0100000 <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-Profit</p> <p>Charities Registration Number:</p> <p>Exemption Status/Code:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sectarian Entity</p>

Contract Number: # C030513

STATE OF NEW YORK MASTER CONTRACT FOR GRANTS FACE PAGE

<p>CURRENT CONTRACT TERM: From: 07/01/2015 To: 03/31/2021</p> <p>CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD: From: 07/01/2015 To: 03/31/2021</p> <p>AMENDED TERM: From: 07/01/2015 To: 03/31/2022</p> <p>AMENDED PERIOD: From: 04/01/2021 To: 03/31/2022</p>	<p>CONTRACT FUNDING AMOUNT (<i>Multi-year</i> - enter total projected amount of the contract; <i>Fixed Term/Simplified Renewal</i> - enter current period amount):</p> <p>CURRENT: \$ 1,558,672</p> <p>AMENDED:\$ 1,822,012</p> <p>FUNDING SOURCE(S)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>
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FOR MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENTS ONLY - CONTRACT PERIOD AND FUNDING AMOUNT:
(Out years represent projected funding amounts)

#	CURRENT PERIOD	CURRENT AMOUNT	AMENDED PERIOD	AMENDED AMOUNT
1	07/01/15-03/31/16	\$ 216,562		
2	04/01/16-03/31/17	\$ 288,750		
3	04/01/17-03/31/18	\$ 263,340		
4	04/01/18-03/31/19	\$ 263,340		
5	04/01/19-03/31/21	\$ 526,680	04/01/19 - 3/31/22	\$ 790,020

ATTACHMENTS PART OF THIS AGREEMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attachment A: | <input type="checkbox"/> A-1 Program Specific Terms and Conditions |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> A-2 Federally Funded Grants and Requirements Mandated by Federal Laws |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment B: | <input type="checkbox"/> B-1 Expenditure Based Budget <input type="checkbox"/> B-2 Performance Based Budget |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B-3 Capital Budget <input type="checkbox"/> B-4 Net Deficit Budget |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B-1(A) Expenditure Based Budget (Amendment) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B-2(A) Performance Based Budget (Amendment) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B-3(A) Capital Budget (Amendment) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> B-4(A) Net Deficit Budget (Amendment) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment C: Work Plan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attachment D: Payment and Reporting Schedule | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

Contract Number: # C030513

2021-22 Healthy Neighborhoods Program - Albany

Cates, Rachel E (HEALTH) <rachel.cates@health.ny.gov>

Wed 12/1/2021 10:45 AM

To: Franko, Eileen <Eileen.Franko@albanycountyny.gov>; Ferris, Maxwell <Maxwell.Ferris@albanycountyny.gov>;
Witherspoon, Shanna <Shanna.Witherspoon@albanycountyny.gov>
Cc: doh.sm.healthy.neighborhoods.program <hnp@health.ny.gov>

 4 attachments (1 MB)

1.C030513_Face Page_Albany.pdf; 2. C030513_Signature_Page_Albany.pdf; 3. C030513_Attachment B1A_Albany.xlsx; 4. C030513_Attachment C_Albany.pdf;

Good afternoon,

On November 4, 2021, the New York State Department of Health announced that existing HNP contracts would be extended for one more year (4/1/2021 – 3/31/2022).

Your 2021-22 award amount is **\$263,340**. Your amended contract package is attached and includes the following:

1. **Contract Face Page**
2. **Signature Page**
3. **Attachment B-1 (A) Expenditure Based Budget** (*Please use this template, as your contract number has already been added to the footer of each page. Please note - A PS Duties/NPS Description form may also be requested if your budget does not clearly outline your expenses*)
4. **Attachment C – Work plan** (*We have extended your approved 2020-21 work plan to cover the 2021-22 period. The dates have been updated on the attached. If you wish to make any changes, please contact us to discuss*).

Please return **TWO (2)** signed and notarized **ORIGINALS** of all attachments listed above to:

Rachel Cates
Center for Environmental Health
Empire State Plaza
Corning Tower Bldg., Room 1629
Albany, NY 12237

The Department requires wet signatures from both grantee and notary.

We understand that COVID-19 response efforts are still a priority. Please respond to this email with an estimated timeframe for completion of the amendment package, and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Rachel

Rachel Cates
Health Program Administrator
Center for Environmental Health
New York State Department of Health

RESOLUTION NO. 173

AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 187 FOR 2019 REGARDING THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

Introduced: 5/11/20
By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 316 for 2015, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with the New York State Department of Health regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program grant in the amount of \$1,082,812 for the term commencing July 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 39 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an amendment to the agreement with the New York State Department of Health to reflect a total amount not to exceed \$1,031,992 rather than \$1,082,812, and

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 187 for 2019, this Honorable Body authorized further amendments to the agreement with the New York State Department of Health to reflect a new total amount not to exceed \$1,295,332 and a new ending date of March 31, 2020 rather than March 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health has requested an additional amendment to the agreement with the New York State Department of Health in the amount of \$263,340 to reflect a new total contract amount of \$1,558,672 rather than \$1,295,332, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested to amend the agreement to reflect an ending date of March 31, 2021 rather than March 31, 2020, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that Resolution No. 187 for 2019 is hereby amended in the amount of \$263,340 to reflect a new total contract amount of \$1,558,672 rather than \$1,295,332, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 187 for 2019 is also amended to reflect an ending date of March 31, 2021 rather than March 31, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said amendments as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote - 5/11/20

State of New York
County of Albany

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Albany County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution and/or local law with the original resolution and/or local law now on file in the office, and which was passed by the Legislature of said County on the 11th day of May, 2020, a majority of all members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and/or local law and the whole thereof.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature this 13th day of May, 2020.

Nicole Chambers

Clerk, Albany County Legislature



DANIEL P. McCOY
County Executive

ELIZABETH F. WHALEN, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health

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1/7/2022

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Albany County Department of Health requests to contract with CCE to implement services under the Healthy Neighborhood Program grant (HNP). The HNP is designed to provide preventative environmental health services to targeted geographic areas, usually comprised of low-income families, living in homes and neighborhoods with a disproportionate number of residential hazards. Communities have been identified based on data collected from more than 1,500 HNP home visits in the past 5 years.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Minority Counsel

Enclosures



Albany County Department of Health is nationally accredited and meets rigorous public health standards set forth to best meet the needs of our community.



County of Albany

Harold L. Joyce
Albany County Office
Building
112 State Street - Albany,
NY 12207

Legislation Text

File #: TMP-3037, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Request to enter into a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension for Healthy Neighborhood Program

Date:	1/7/2022
Submitted By:	Dr. Elizabeth Whalen
Department:	Health
Title:	Commissioner of Health
Phone:	518-447-4584
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Dr. Elizabeth Whalen

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel

- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

Cornell Cooperative Extension
24 Martin Road
Voorheesville, NY 12186

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$260,000

Scope of Services: Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) will partner with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) to implement services under the Health Neighborhood Program grant. CCE will receive referrals and conduct door to door visits to assess homes for environmental hazards, educate residents about these hazards, provide resources and intervention material and refer individuals for additional assistance as needed. Environmental health concerns will focus on reducing residential injuries, childhood lead poisoning, exposure to indoor air pollutants and preventing fires.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.
Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: A94010.4.4046
Appropriation Amount: \$260,000

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: 100%
County: Click or tap here to enter text.
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022
Length of Contract: 12 months

Impact on Pending Litigation

Yes No
If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: Reso 257
Date of Adoption: 8/10/20

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Albany County Department of Health requests to contract with CCE to implement services under the Healthy Neighborhood Program grant (HNP). The HNP is designed to provide preventative environmental health services to targeted geographic areas, usually comprised of low-income families, living in homes and neighborhoods with a disproportionate number of residential hazards. Communities have been identified based on data collected from more than 1,500 HNP home visits in the past 5 years.

RESOLUTION NO. 257

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION REGARDING THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM
GRANT

Introduced: 8/10/20
By Health Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Health has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Grant in the amount of \$220,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner indicated that the agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension will provide the funding needed to address public health issues in targeted areas focusing on reducing residential injuries, childhood lead poisoning, exposure to indoor air pollutants and preventing fires, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the Healthy Neighborhoods Program Grant in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote - 8/10/20

State of New York
County of Albany

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Albany County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution and/or local law with the original resolution and/or local law now on file in the office, and which was passed by the Legislature of said County on the 10th day of August, 2020, a majority of all members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and/or local law and the whole thereof.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature this 11th day of August, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul T. Deane".

First Deputy Clerk, Albany County Legislature



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Director of Mental Health

Cindy G. Hoffman, LCSW-R
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January 11, 2022

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Department of Mental Health seeks permission to apply for and accept grant funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health's COVID Relief Community Mental Health Jail Diversion grant program, and amend the Department's 2022 Budget to incorporate this funding. The grant provides funding to support initiatives and/or programs that divert adults diagnosed with a serious mental illness from jail. This is a one year grant and funds must be used by March 14, 2023. The Department will use funding to: 1) Develop a robust "jail re-entry" case management model for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness, to include hiring a case manager and peer, in order to reduce recidivism and meet criminogenic needs through relationship building and better connection to community services and supports post-release; and 2) Undertake a sequential intercept model (SIM) mapping effort with all local partners having a nexus to the justice system, including formerly incarcerated individuals, to update Albany County's SIM report (last reviewed in 2014) as many new initiatives are underway and the development of a "behavioral health forensic white paper" will guide continued development and reimagining of how the local criminal justice system interacts with the behavioral health system.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, PhD
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-2951, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Authorization to apply for and accept NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) COVID Relief Community Mental Health Jail Diversion Block Grant and Amend 2022 Budget

Date:	1/11/2022
Submitted By:	Stephen Giordano
Department:	Dept of Mental Health
Title:	Director
Phone:	518-447-4537
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Stephen Giordano, PhD

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel

- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

New

Submission Date Deadline 12/5/2021

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

NYS Office of Mental Health
44 Holland Ave, Albany, NY 12229

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$174,080

Scope of Services: Funding will be used to: 1) Develop a robust “jail re-entry” case management model for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness, to include hiring a case manager and peer, in order to reduce recidivism and meet criminogenic needs through relationship building and better connection to community services and supports post-release; and 2) Undertake a sequential intercept model (SIM) mapping effort with all local partners having a nexus to the justice system, including formerly incarcerated individuals, to update Albany County’s SIM report (last reviewed in 2014) as many new initiatives are underway and the development of a “behavioral health forensic white paper” will guide continued development and reimaging of how the local criminal justice system interacts with the behavioral health system.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: A3.4310.03490
Revenue Amount: \$160,737

Appropriation Account and Line: Various Lines
Appropriation Amount: \$160,737 (total)

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: 100%
County: Click or tap here to enter text.
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 1/10/2022-3/14/2023
Length of Contract: 14 months

Impact on Pending Litigation

If yes, explain: Yes No
Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: N/A
Date of Adoption: N/A

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Department of Mental Health requests authorization to apply for and enter into a contract with the NYS Office of Mental Health for the COVID Relief Community Mental Health grant. The Department was approached by NYS in late November 2021 about a short-turnaround (application due 12/5/2021) funding opportunity to support initiatives that divert adults diagnosed with a serious mental illness from jail. Following a well-received application, the Department of Mental Health was awarded \$174,080 to be used before 3/14/2023. The Department proposes using the funding to: 1) Develop a robust “jail re-entry” case management model for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness, to include hiring a case manager and peer, in order to reduce recidivism and meet criminogenic needs through relationship building and better connection to community services and supports post-release; and 2) Undertake a sequential intercept model (SIM) mapping effort with all local partners having a nexus to the justice system, including formerly incarcerated individuals, to update Albany County’s SIM report (last reviewed in 2014) as many new initiatives are underway and the development of a “behavioral health forensic white paper” will guide continued development and reimagining of how the local criminal justice system interacts with the behavioral health system.

ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
A9 4310 1 2205J 430040	Staff Social Worker	\$48,344.00		\$58,000.00	
A9 4310 1 5027J 430208	Peer Advocate	\$31,667.00		\$38,000.00	
A9 4310 8 9010	State Retirement	11,202.00			
A9 4310 8 9030	Social Security	6,121.00			
A9 4310 8 9060	Hospital And Medical Insurance	\$20,003.00			
A9 4310 2 2050	Computer Equipment	2,200.00			
A9 4310 4 4036	Telephone	2,200.00			
A9 4310 4 4038	Travel-Mileage, Freight	2,000.00			
A9 4310 4 4046	Fees For Services	37,000.00			
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$160,737.00	\$0.00		

ACCOUNT NO.	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
A3 4310 03490	Mental Health (State Aid)		\$160,737.00		
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		\$0.00	\$160,737.00		
GRAND TOTALS		\$160,737.00	\$160,737.00		

Alderson, Patrick

From: George, Tricia (OMH) <Tricia.George@omh.ny.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 8:04 AM
To: Giordano, Stephen; Hoffman, Cindy G.
Cc: Alderson, Patrick
Subject: Community Mental Health Grant

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good Afternoon,

This email is a follow-up from our conversation on November 15, 2021. As we discussed on our call, the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) may provide potential funding to support initiatives and/or programs in your county that divert adults diagnosed with a serious mental illness from jail. This one-time funding opportunity is available through a SAMSHA Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (CMHS). CMHS funds should prioritize efforts to improve outcomes for individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness involved in the criminal justice system. Please let me know as soon as possible if Albany Co is interested in submitting a proposal.

As a reminder, per **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA)**, “criminal justice work is organized around a framework for intervention referred to as the Sequential Intercept Model. This model identifies five key points for “intercepting” individuals with behavioral health issues, linking them to services and preventing further penetration into the criminal justice system. This model builds on collaboration between the criminal justice and behavioral health systems; highlights where to intercept individuals as they move through the criminal justice system; identifies critical decision-makers who can authorize movement away from the justice system and into treatment; and delineates essential partnerships among mental health, substance abuse, law enforcement, pre-trial services, courts, judges, jails, community corrections, social services, and others”(<https://www.samhsa.gov/criminal-juvenile-justice/samhsas-efforts>).

Preference for funding will be given to programs and/or services that aim to divert adults with serious mental illness during the pre-arrest, pre-booking, or post booking/pre-sentence intercept points. Counties should be mindful to include input from the county’s re-entry task force and criminal justice providers, Department of Mental Health, and Probation, to ensure county wide coordination of comprehensive diversion services across all sequential intercept points.

The NYS OMH Diversion Center will provide oversight for this CMHS funding. The Center’s mission is to support jurisdictions in the development, implementation, evaluation, and replication of initiatives to reduce arrest and incarceration of persons with serious mental illness (SMI). The Center will maintain regular contact with the designated program coordinator for the purposes of collecting quarterly data, surveying technical assistance needs, and measuring potential outcomes.

As stated on the call, this would be one time funding, the contract period would be for one year, and all funds would have to be spent within that one year period. (This COVID relief funding has to be spent no later than March 14, 2023) Therefore due to these time constraints, we are asking that proposals be sent by **December 5, 2021**. Proposals should include, but not be limited to a description of proposed project (including project goals and targeted intercept points), ideas for sustainability, list of agency partners, detailed budget, and the county’s assigned project coordinator(s). Funded programs will be required to submit quarterly data to the NYS OMH Diversion Center. Project budgets should not exceed \$175,000. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through email at tricia.george@omh.ny.gov.

Please feel free to reach out with questions or concerns. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Tricia

Tricia S. George

Director, Diversion Center
Division of Forensic Services

Office of Mental Health

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Pronouns: she, her, hers

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Alderson, Patrick

From: Giordano, Stephen
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 5:14 PM
To: Hoffman, Cindy G.; Alderson, Patrick
Subject: FW: Community Mental Health Grant
Attachments: NYSOMH Community Mental Health Jail Diversion - Albany County Proposal (FINAL).pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Great news ... see below and attached.



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From: George, Tricia (OMH) <Tricia.George@omh.ny.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 2:23 PM
To: Giordano, Stephen <Stephen.Giordano@albanycountyny.gov>
Cc: Derrick, Raquel (OMH) <Raquel.Derrick@omh.ny.gov>; VanLuipen, Alexander (OMH)

<Alexander.VanLuipen@omh.ny.gov>; Bove, Donna A (OMH) <Donna.Bove@omh.ny.gov>

Subject: RE: Community Mental Health Grant

Good Afternoon, Dr. Giordano,

This email is to confirm that Albany County will be receiving funds through the COVID Relief Community Mental Health Grant to support the attached proposal to enhance jail diversion programming in your county. As stated previously, the funds will be sent through State Aid Letter and we expect the award to be processed this week. If you need an official letter please let me know and I can send something simultaneously when the allocation occurs.

Thanks

Tricia

From: Giordano, Stephen <Stephen.Giordano@albanycountyny.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:54 PM

To: George, Tricia (OMH) <Tricia.George@omh.ny.gov>

Cc: Derrick, Raquel (OMH) <Raquel.Derrick@omh.ny.gov>; VanLuipen, Alexander (OMH)

<Alexander.VanLuipen@omh.ny.gov>; Bove, Donna A (OMH) <Donna.Bove@omh.ny.gov>

Subject: RE: Community Mental Health Grant

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Understood, thanks again.



Stephen J. Giordano, Ph.D.

Albany County Mental Health Commissioner

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NYSOMH Community Mental Health Grant – Jail Diversion Proposal

Challenge and Local Context

The mission of the Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) is to ensure that adult residents of Albany County living with mental illness, substance use disorders (SUD), or intellectual and/or developmental disability (as well as their families) attain meaningful improvement in the quality of their lives and overall health, renewed connection to their communities, and lasting recovery so that their personal goals can be achieved. ACDMH accomplishes its mission through the direct provision of counseling services, care management services, mobile crisis services and psychiatric services; through contracts with local partners who provide a wide spectrum of behavioral health services; and, through strong community partnerships and collaborative efforts. **Furthermore, ACDMH and her partners' collective efforts are all designed to limit the disproportionate penetration of individuals with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) into the criminal justice system.**

In developing this proposal, ACDMH reviewed the continuum of diversion services/opportunities within Albany County – which are fairly extensive and forward-thinking – and sought to identify gaps. The ACDMH and Albany County Department of Probation identified the following jail diversion programs/initiatives, with a nexus to SPMI persons, already in place (not necessarily exhaustive):

- *LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion)* - Albany LEAD is a Type I intercept, multi-stakeholder (case managers, community organizations, criminal justice system, treatment providers and social services, etc.) harm reduction-based public health and safety intervention that aims to reorient Albany's approach to SUD, mental health, and poverty-driven contact with law enforcement. LEAD currently operates in a pre-arrest diversion capacity (i.e. at the time of arrest/charge), for individuals with SUD, mental illness, or experiencing poverty who committed an eligible offense, law enforcement will divert them to a case manager and the charge will be dropped. Albany LEAD has recently received a number of grant awards and other funding commitments to substantially boost

case management and program management capacity. The initiative is also exploring Type II intercept referrals and expansion into new jurisdictions within Albany County.

- *Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) /ACCORD (Albany County Crisis Officials Responding and Diverting)* – MCT and ACCORD are Type I intercepts. While MCT relies on referrals from law enforcement (oftentimes after law enforcement has already made contact), residents, or community partners (ERs, Probation, etc.), the ACCORD pilot program (soft launched in the second half of 2021) pairs social workers from the MCT with paramedics from the Sheriff’s EMS Division to respond to situations (e.g., non-violent mental illness and substance use disorder calls, among others) where a law enforcement presence is not paramount and the situation may be more appropriately handled by mental health professionals and/or EMTs. ACCORD also facilitates linkages to continued care. ACCORD has recently received grant funds to continue to expand its geographic footprint within the County, and is undergoing an evaluation by SUNY Albany.
- *Mental Health Court* – The local Alternative Treatment Court is a Type III intercept launched in March 2021. ACDMH, in partnership with Albany City Court and multiple County departments and offices (i.e., Public Defender’s Office, Probation Department, and the District Attorney’s Office), helped stand up the Albany Mental Health Court “pilot” in the 3rd Judicial District. This specialty court was designed to reduce unnecessary incarceration and recidivism for individuals living with chronic mental health conditions and avoid unnecessary incarceration whenever possible.
- *Jail Diversion (City Court)* – A type III intercept housed in Albany City Court, the Jail Diversion Program averages over 80 active cases annually.
- *Specialized mental health caseloads for the Probation Department* – A type II/V intercept, this program has capacity for approximately 100 probationers or pre-trial clients. Officers are trained and have the ability to link clients with mental illness to resources and services. Pre-sentence investigations could lead to referrals to this program i.e., pre-trial evaluation can determine whether clients are eligible for bail or assignment to the pre-trial release program.
- *Specialized mental health peer support groups for Probation Department clients* – A type II/V intercept, and an extension of the aforementioned mental health programming offered by the Probation Department in conjunction with ACDMH.
- *Mental Health Unit at the Albany County Correctional Facility (ACCF; jail)* – A type III intercept, ACDMH’s Jail Mental Health Unit provides screening and assessment services for medical, mental health and suicide prevention services. They engage in limited discharge planning involving basic services that may be put in place as it relates to observed needs of individuals while incarcerated, although post-release follow-up capacity is non-existent.
- *Re-entry Task Force (for Prison Release)* – A type IV/V intercept, Albany County’s Re-entry Task Force was established to increase public safety and reduce recidivism by

developing connections to continued care and community supports that emphasize evidence-based principles and approaches to addressing the needs of qualifying individuals (non OMH) released from State prison.

- *Patient Services Coordinating Committee (PSCC)* – A cross-systems partnership among the local mental health system, human services, and public safety agencies/actors that endeavors to engage individuals with SPMI and complex needs, who are inadvertently also high utilizers of emergency services. To decrease dependence and use of emergency services, the PSCC works to connect clients to wraparound support services. ACDMH recently secured one-time grant funding to pilot the hiring of a dedicated, full-time social worker and peer for the PSCC to begin building more personalized and impactful relationships with clients.

This careful review of Albany County’s local context – underscored by recent investments, new partnerships and pilot programs – has elucidated that there are a variety of diversion opportunities already in effect that run the spectrum of the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM). However, gaps do exist and a comprehensive review of the local system is due.

For example, while the overall ACCF census is declining – due to Bail Reform and a variety of the other diversion efforts in place – the number (as well as proportion relative to the jail census) of individuals served by the ACCF Mental Health Unit has increased in recent years. In 2021 alone, monthly caseload for the Jail Mental Health Unit has averaged nearly 200 individuals. Unfortunately, the individuals remanded to jail – for whom pre-sentence, community-based diversion (as detailed above) is deemed by criminal justice system actors to be inadvisable – are truly those with the most complex needs (i.e., co-occurring health conditions, like SPMI and SUD). Likewise, they are the most at risk for re-offending. Nonetheless they are deserving and in need of the compassionate care that’s provided by the ACDMH Jail Mental Health Unit. While the staff of the ACCF Mental Health Unit are incredibly dedicated to their clients and to building a foundation for success post-release (thereby eliminating future contact with the criminal justice system), they need additional resources to produce better outcomes for clients and minimize the “revolving door” of the justice system that’s occurring in America’s jails, including at the ACCF. A look at ACCF Mental Health Unit admissions data over the past five (5) years, reveals that since January 2017, out of over 2,500 admissions into treatment, nearly 40% were repeat admissions. **Accordingly, the efficacy of the ACCF Mental Health Unit’s services is limited by the reality that they do not have the staffing capacity to engage in comprehensive discharge planning and relationship building with clients pre and post-release.** This is exacerbated by the complexity of their work, high caseloads, and staff burnout/turnover (which is a byproduct of the intensity of their work and caseloads).

To that end, this application/proposal will focus on two components to bolster and guide the development of jail diversion initiatives in Albany County, and bookend efforts already in play:

1. **Develop a robust “jail re-entry” case management model for SPMI individuals**, to include hiring a case manager and peer, in order to reduce recidivism and meet criminogenic needs through relationship building and better connection to community services and supports post-release; and
2. **Undertake a SIM mapping effort with all local partners** having a nexus to the justice system, including formerly incarcerated individuals, to update Albany County’s SIM report (last reviewed in 2014) as many new initiatives are underway and the development of a “behavioral health forensic white paper” will guide continued development and reimagining of how the local criminal justice system interacts with the behavioral health system.

Proposed Solution

The importance of continuing care for individuals released from jail cannot be overstated. The first days and weeks following release from incarceration are when individuals are most vulnerable to fatal overdoses or when they may return to former patterns of unhealthy (or even criminal) behaviors. Re-entry and aftercare are necessary to continue services in a community setting in order to reduce rates of re-incarceration and to save lives. Establishing positive relationships and rapport with clients prior to discharge, serving as a resource for them in the immediate to mid-term (or even long-term on an ad-hoc basis) post-release, and working to better integrate their continued care with community-based providers, probation officers, peer recovery centers, healthcare, and other supportive partners will be the foundation of the Jail Re-entry program ACDMH will develop.

To implement the “jail re-entry” case management model, ACDMH proposes hiring a case manager and a peer to bolster the efforts and impact of the ACCF Mental Health Unit, as well as provide ancillary supports (e.g., bus passes, ride-sharing passes/credits, move-in kits, identification, clothing, etc.) to recently released individuals to minimize barriers to continued treatment. In addition to developing the program in conjunction with ACDMH leadership, the newly hired staff would:

- i. assist the Jail Mental Health Unit successfully implement discharge plans upon inmate re-entry back into the community;
- ii. liaison with (Prison) Re-entry Task Force community stakeholders to maximize inmate success upon jail release;
- iii. assist probationers on specialized mental health caseloads as they re-integrate into community upon jail release;

- iv. assist probationers not remanded to jail (due to bail reform), who otherwise would be placed on specialized mental health caseloads, as they seek community stability; and
- v. liaison with Mental Health Court to assist those individuals moving between jail and court due to court sanctions.

The second part of this proposal is to hire a consultant to guide Albany County and her partners through a comprehensive SIM mapping effort that results in a “behavioral health forensic white paper.” A review of ACDMH documents reveals that Albany County has had three Sequential Intercept Model mapping efforts over the last decade...the first SIM prior to 2010; a second SIM in 2012; and an update to the 2012 Report in 2014. Since 2014, numerous criminal justice initiatives with a nexus to behavioral health have been undertaken locally. **Getting all local system actors together to discuss the current state of affairs, and better understand needs, gaps, and cross-systems interaction through facilitated planning workshops – ultimately culminating in a report with recommendations – will position the entire Albany County community to implement this strategic action plan and guide reform efforts locally.**

Project Goals

Individuals seen by the Mental Health Unit at ACCF receive some form of discharge planning involving basic services that may be put in place as it relates to observed needs while incarcerated. Dependent on an individual’s level of insight and ability to follow through with these referrals will determine if they become linked to community services at the time of discharge. However, due to the high census at the jail combined with an inability to remain connected with these individuals upon release, the degree of supports they receive upon release is limited. Post-release is a crucial time for individuals to receive supports and ensure that services are wrapped around them to decrease the likelihood that symptoms of their illness, including patterns of criminogenic behaviors, may return. Additionally, if they do not follow through with services at that time due to capacity issues or lack of insight, it is likely that they may end up re-incarcerated at some point.

Through the development of a Jail Re-entry program – and having a case manager and a peer dedicated solely to this effort – outcomes would be significantly improved for Mental Health Unit clients leaving jail. **A case manager could provide both “in -reach” while an individual was incarcerated, as well as outreach at the point of release. Linkage to community supports and assistance with follow through would lessen these individuals’ barriers around social determinants of health** including access to housing, treatment, food security, transportation, health insurance (Medicaid) and longer term case management. **A peer – through their lived experience – would offer other much needed support navigating system challenges.** Additionally, collaboration with other County and community supports including the Department of Social Services and Probation would assure additional success through

identification of individuals most in need of these services, as well as access to other resources including cognitive behavioral groups such as Ready Set Work (an evidence based group known to be effective with individuals released back into the community post incarceration). If successful, costs incurred to the system of care would also likely be decreased through reduced incarcerations, use of emergency services, shelters and unnecessary Emergency Room visits.

In short, this project hopes to reduce recidivism (and future criminal justice system contact as a whole) among SPMI populations and the revolving door at the ACCF by engaging in comprehensive discharge planning and building relationships to ensure continuity of care (including primary health care). This effort will complement other diversion initiatives, and it's anticipated that approximately 200 individuals treated by the ACDMH Jail Mental Health Unit will benefit from the re-entry program, and hopefully reduce future contact with the criminal justice system, during the grant's period of performance.

The secondary focus on **SIM planning will help Albany County and her partners identify resources, gaps in services, and inefficiencies/unrealized partnerships at each intercept point and develop a local strategic action plan to guide program design and resource investment.**

Intercept Points

The Jail Re-entry program will touch both Type III and IV intercept points, since the goal is to provide both "in-reach" while an individual is incarcerated to develop connections (as well as working directly with ACCF Mental Health Unit psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, and CASACs), as well as outreach at the point of release. Further, when working with probationers not remanded to jail (due to Bail Reform), that could be categorized as a Type II intercept.

Sustainability

Albany County has undertaken extensive searches and applications (both successful and unsuccessful) for funding diversion initiatives at various SIM intercept points (as detailed in the "Challenge and Local Context" section of this application). Examples include: Community Development Block Grant-CARES (CDBG-CV); Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP); Federal Community Project funding; State Opioid Response grant; lobbying Albany County's State and Federal delegations; and even exploring increases to County appropriations for these initiatives (albeit this is challenging due to NYS' 2% tax cap and political challenges associated with passage through the County Legislature and budgetary process). **However, there continues to unaddressed needs and gaps in services related to jail diversion and reducing recidivism along the totality of SIM intercept points – i.e., jail re-entry – that continue to be under-funded and under-resourced (contrary to prison re-entry).**

It's entirely possible that there may be State or Federal funding in the future for continued development or furtherance of the initiatives in this proposal. However, the immediate need in Albany County (in some instances, even a matter of life or death) outweighs the opportunity cost of waiting for sustainable funding from the Federal or State governments. Albany County intends to use these funds as a stopgap and to seed expansion of a jail re-entry program while it continues to pursue measures to ensure their viability after 12 months.

ACDMH recognizes that the greatest need that exists within the local behavioral health system is capacity. If there were more caregivers within Albany County's behavioral health ecosystem, embedded within the appropriate agencies, more people could access or be connected to the services they need. Continued funding for salaries of the jail re-entry program staff beyond the grant, whether through County appropriation or otherwise, will be explored pending a review of the efficacy of these initiatives. Albany County will continue to work with NYS and the Federal government to identify and earmark funds for programs of this nature, but there currently exists an opportunity to demonstrate through a proof of concept the impact of investing in case management and wraparound supports for individuals post-release from jail, which could reduce overall system costs.

There are no pending applications for projects of a similar nature at this time.

Partners: While not necessarily exhaustive, as others may be invited to participate in SIM planning/mapping efforts, this proposal seeks to work with as many governmental, service provider, and community partners as possible, including (in no particular order): Albany County Probation Department; Trinity Alliance; Albany Medical Center; Consumer Advocacy Board; Capital District Psychiatric Center; Homeless & Travelers Aid Society; Albany Police Department; Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families; St. Peter's Health Partners; Albany VA Medical Center; Albany County Department of Social Services; Albany County Sheriff; Albany LEAD; Albany County District Attorney; and Albany County Public Defender.

Assigned Project Coordinator: The Albany County Department of Mental Health Director Stephen Giordano, Ph.D (email: Stephen.Giordano@albanycountyny.gov) and Deputy Director Cindy Hoffman, LCSW-R (email: Cindy.Hoffman@albanycountyny.gov) will be the project leads. Additional support for contracting, planning, and evaluation will be provided as needed/requested by Senior Policy Analyst Patrick Alderson (email: Patrick.Alderson@albnycountyny.gov) from the Office of the Albany County Executive.

Detailed Budget

Part 1: Jail Re-entry Program	
	Proposed
Personnel (Including Fringe)	
Staff Social Worker - New Hire	\$ 73,226.00
Peer Advocate/Consumer Affairs Specialist - New Hire	\$ 57,454.00
Total Personnel Services	\$ 130,680.00
Equipment	
Laptop (2)	\$ 2,200.00
MiFi (2)	\$ 1,200.00
Cell Phone/Data Plan (2)	\$ 1,000.00
Total Equipment	\$ 4,400.00
Travel	
Client Bus Passes, Transportation	\$ 5,000.00
Staff Mileage	\$ 2,000.00
Total Travel	\$ 7,000.00
Direct Client Services (also see: Travel)	
Move in Kits	\$ 5,000.00
IDS, Clothing, Misc.	\$ 2,000.00
Total Direct Client Services	\$ 7,000.00
Part 1: Jail Re-entry Program Total	\$ 149,080.00
Part 2: SIM Planning	
Consultant to Faciliate SIM and Develop Report	\$ 20,000.00
Workshop Logistics (Catering, Facility, A/V, Parking, etc.)	\$ 5,000.00
Part 2: SIM Planning Total	\$ 25,000.00
Grand Total	\$ 174,080.00



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January 3, 2022

Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
 Albany County Legislature
 112 State St., Rm. 710
 Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

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Feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or myself if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
 Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

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Date:	January 3, 2022
Submitted By:	Mark Gleason
Department:	Mental Health
Title:	Operations Analyst
Phone:	518-447-3014
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Dr. Stephen J. Giordano, Director

Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel

- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: A94310.44046 Fee for Services/A34310.03490 OMH State Aid
Source of Funds: NYS Office of Mental Health
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS

Type of Contract:

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

Contract Terms/Conditions:

Party (Name/address):

New York State Office of Mental Health, 44 Holland Ave, Albany NY 12208

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$105,000

Scope of Services: Funding will be used for the Veteran Peer to Peer Support Pilot Program for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, other related combat stress disorders, or having counseling needs, using small group peer to peer counseling methods.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: OMH State Aid A34310.03490
Revenue Amount: \$105,000

Appropriation Account and Line: Fees for Services A94310.44046
Appropriation Amount: \$105,000

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.
State: 100%
County: Click or tap here to enter text.
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2022-12/30/2022
Length of Contract: 12 Months

Impact on Pending Litigation

If yes, explain: Yes No
Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: N/A
Date of Adoption: N/A

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

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