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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
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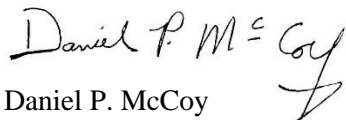
Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Office of the Albany County Executive respectfully requests authorization to subaward the FY2020 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) grant to Albany LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) partners in the amount of \$785,850. These partners include: Public Defender Association d.b.a. LEAD National Support Bureau; Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services; Center for Law and Justice; and the Albany Police Department.

COSSAP funding will be used to support Albany LEAD's new initiative, 'Growing LEAD: Increasing Operational Capacity to Improve and Expand Service in Albany County.' This new effort will build upon the successful foundation that Albany LEAD has already established. Operational capacity will be increased with the addition of case managers, a full time Project Manager and Community Engagement and Outreach Coordinator to improve coordination between partners and the public, increase public awareness of LEAD, and develop policies and procedures to better serve LEAD communities. This investment into Albany LEAD will provide LEAD services to entirely new communities within Albany County and serve as a proof of concept that LEAD can operate well outside of urban cities.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Daniel P. McCoy  
Albany County Executive

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