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Honorable Joanne Cunningham
Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street
Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health respectfully requests permission to award \$18,304 in Opioid Settlement Funding to Hospitality House in response to their proposal for funding through RFP #2026-086 Opioid Settlement Funded Mini-Grants. Hospitality House will use these funds to purchase camping, fishing, hiking and other outdoor activity equipment for use by their residents, all of which are men receiving treatment for substance use disorder.

Hospitality House is an OASAS-licensed residential addiction treatment program that has been serving Albany County residents since 1973. The agency provides addiction and mental health treatment, as well as primary medical care, in its recently renovated 48-bed facility, with an additional 24 beds set to open later this year.

Key to successful addiction recovery is finding new activities that don't include using substances, making new friends and improving physical health. Hospitality House will use the grant funds to purchase outdoor equipment that its residents can use, including camping, fishing, and sport equipment. Agency staff will take groups to go camping, hiking and fishing, helping the clients to connect with nature, get exercise and find low-cost activities that they enjoy and can continue once leaving treatment.

Feel free to contact me or Adam Kirkman 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

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