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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 provide a one-year, no-cost extension to Catholic Charities Care Coordination Services (CCCCS) for their Opioid Settlement Funded (OSF) Community Grant contract (Contract No. 2024-1999). These grant funds are being used to expand and support the continued operation of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program through the hiring of a Certified Peer Recovery Advocate (CRPA) and by supporting administrative positions whose previous grant funding is ending.

It took CCCC'S some time to hire the CRPA, but since then, the agency has been steadily spending down its grant. Catholic Charities also has a subcontract with Trinity Health to support LEAD's administrative positions; however, to date, those staffing funds have not been expended. It is expected that Trinity Health will begin drawing on these funds in the near future, so a one-year, no-cost extension is requested.

With the County's approval, CCCC'S' contract will be extended to June 30, 2026. No additional funding will be provided, but Catholic Charities will retain access to the remaining \$105,000 in their OSF Community Grant award.

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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