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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Albany County Executive's Office, on behalf of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Division of Information Services (DIS), and the Albany County Sheriff's Office respectfully request legislative authorization to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) grants from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES).

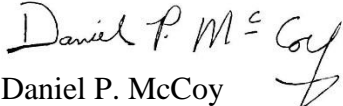
The County was awarded a total of \$635,472 in funding: 1) \$515,472 under FY2022 SHSP for the Department of Health (\$339,450) and the Division of Information Services (\$176,022), and 2) \$120,000 under FY2022 SLETPP for the Sheriff's Office. The County Executive and Sheriff require separate contracts with NYS DHSES.

The SHSP and SLETPP annual funding opportunities support sustainment of existing capabilities and development of new ones. The DOH intends to use \$339,450 for the continued coordination of emergency preparedness programs, trainings, equipment and exercises (including the sustainment of the Albany County Citizen Corps and health preparedness planning). The DIS anticipates using \$176,022 for cyber security (including replacement of firewalls, virus protection software, and biometric software). The Sheriff's Office anticipates using \$120,000 awarded under FY2022 SLETPP grant for enhancements to law enforcement information and intelligence sharing, including the purchase of license plate readers and digital print scanners.

The DOH will budget their grant money into subsequent annual County budgets. The Sheriff's Office and Division of Information Services request a budget amendment to include their award amount in the current 2022 Budget. State Homeland Security Program and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program grants are both 100% state funded with no County match requirement.

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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Albany County Executive

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