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July 28, 2025

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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department for Aging is requesting the Legislature's approval for the following;  
To accept the Congregate Services Initiative (CSI) grant from the New York State Office for Aging.  
This grant funding allows the ACDFA to provide beneficial congregate services initiatives for our older adults attending congregate meal sites in Albany County. The services provided respond to their diverse needs and interests, enhance their dignity, support their independence, and encourage their involvement in and with the community and which seek to prevent the well elderly from requiring more intensive services such as those provided under expanded non-medical in-home services and non-institutional respite service.

Grant funding is used to support a range of services supported by the CSI grant which include but are not limited to; information and assistance, transportation, socialization, education, and health and wellness activities as well as caregiver support for families. These service initiatives promote wellness and ensure that older adults do not face unnecessary isolation and deterioration.

Grant Award Amount – \$6,350.00	Funding Source – 75% - State, 25% - County
Grant Term – 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2026	Revenue Account – Aging -AA6772.03785
Budget Amendment – No	Mandate – No
Prior Resolution – No. 546	

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano  
Commissioner

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