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Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building  
112 State Street, Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham

The Division of Information Services is respectfully requesting legislative authorization to accept the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FY2023 Cybersecurity Grant in the amount of \$50,000. This grant is administered by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES). The performance period of this award is 4/1/26 – 8/31/27. Additionally, Information Services is requesting a budget amendment to the 2026 Albany County Budget to allocate these funds.

This grant will cover the costs for firewalls for the Albany County Water Purification District, which will help protect the network while their SCADA migration and network rebuild is underway.

Thank you for your consideration. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Alderson*  
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Attachments