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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) requests permission to amend the 2023 budget in order to accept a \$1,573,116 distribution from the NYS Opioid Settlement Fund. The NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) are administering the settlement funds which will include annual disbursements direct to counties (i.e., Local Governmental Units) to procure at its discretion based upon the allowable use of funds per Settlement and Statute. This funding is important in addressing the substance use prevention, treatment, harm reduction and recovery service needs at the local level. In conjunction with this request, the Department of Management & Budget (DMB) requests permission to create a Special Revenue Fund to which all funds collected by Albany County for the settlement or verdict of an opioid litigation shall be deposited.

Feel free to contact me or Associate Director Michael Fitzgerald 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  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
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