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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 award \$25,000 in Opioid Settlement Funding to the Hive of Hope in response to their proposal for funding through RFP #2026-086 Opioid Settlement Funded Mini-Grants. The Hive will use these funds to expand their Recovery Support Program's availability to include evening hours (4:00-8:00 pm) on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Hive of Hope has been in operation for over three years and operates out of its location at 161 Central Ave in Albany. As of June 2025, membership at the center exceeded 1,000 (up from 800 last year) with an average of 700 visits each month. The Hive is a safe and welcoming place for individuals in recovery. Guests can work out on their weight equipment, play basketball in their courtyard, shoot pool, access a computer, watch a movie and attend a recovery meeting or trainings, all with no charge.

The Hive has received previous Albany County OSF grants, including a Community Grant in 2024 and a Recovery Support Program grant in 2025. These funds have all been used to support staffing at the Hive. While the Hive receives some foundation support and has agreements with some local treatment providers that host meetings at the location, they are always in need of revenue to support their continued operation.

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  
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