

Department for Children, Youth and Families

Justification for a Budget Amendment for the purpose of supporting Community Accessibility and Inclusion activities.

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to amend the 2026 Adopted Budget for funds associated with Community Accessibility and Inclusion (CAI) activities.

Included in the total award amount of \$784,245 for the provision of the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) initiative, the Department of Health has awarded Albany County with an additional one-time funding in the amount of \$85,760. Funding is intended to be used only during budget period 1 (one) for the purpose of supporting CAI activities. This one-time funding was not originally anticipated in the 2026 Adopted budget.