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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Department for Aging is requesting the Legislature's approval for the following;

To accept grant funding in the amount of \$400,281.00 and for Albany County Department for Aging to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Albany County Department of Social Services for the NY Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program in the amount of \$360,821.00. The balance of the grant funding \$39,460.00 is used in the Department for Aging for administration expenses. NY Connects is an essential component of the State's efforts to rebalance the long-term services and support systems so that people can live independently and remain at home and in their communities.

NY Connect services are available to older adults and their caregivers. The core functions of NY Connects include; the provision of the NY Connects No Wrong Door Screening Process, information and assistance, application and enrollment assistance for public benefit programs, coordination with other agencies to guide individuals through the eligibility processes, counseling options, care transitions, and data collection and reporting.

Grant Award Amount – \$400,281.00
Grant Term – 4/1/2023 – 3/31/2024
Funding Source – 100% - State

Budget Amendment – No
Revenue Account – Aging -AA6772, 03789

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano
Commissioner

cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
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