



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-5878, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between Social Services and Mental Health to perform mandated Alcohol/Substance Use Disorder Assessments

Date: 09/13/2024
Department: Social Services
Attending Meeting: Erin M. Stachewicz, Acting Commissioner
Submitted By: Maggie Watson Skarlis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 518-447-7583

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization Enter text.

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Albany County Department of Mental Health
175 Green Street
Albany, NY 12203

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 1/1/2025-12/31/2025
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$250,000

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
 Anticipated in Budget: Yes No
 Spreadsheet attached: Yes No

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 27% County: 73%
State: 0% Local: 0%

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6010 04615
Revenue Amount: 66,927.00
Appropriation Account and Line: AA6010 44046
Appropriation Amount: \$250,000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Welfare Reform Act of 1997
Request for Bids / Proposals:
 Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes No
 # of Response(s): Enter text.
 # of MWBE: Enter text.
 # of Veteran Business: Enter text.
Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.
Apprenticeship Program Yes No

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: Resolution 323 Adopted 08/14/2023

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Approval is requested to renew a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Albany County Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Social Services (DSS) for the DMH Central Management Unit (CMU) to continue providing mandated assessment and referral services for DSS applicants and recipients with possible substance use disorders. This agreement provides reimbursement for up to \$250,000 for two (2) full-time Mental Health Certified Alcohol Substance Abuse Counselors (CASAC) to conduct the mandated assessments and referrals. The requested \$250,000 includes salary, fringe, supervision and projected lab costs associated with these mandated services.

The Welfare Reform Act of 1997 mandates that local social services districts screen all adult public assistance applicants and recipients for alcohol/substance use disorders, and, if indicated, obtain related assessments of treatment needs, including level of care and employability determinations. Under this MOU, the DMH CMU performs assessments of Safety Net and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Family) applicants and recipients for DSS.