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January 31, 2023

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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Department for Aging (DFA) requests legislative approval to accept the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) grant award from the Nation Council on Aging (NCOA) to accomplish the following objectives;

- Using a person centered approach to find and assist at least 500 eligible older adults, in completing applications for the SNAP.
- Designing a program level staff member to serve as the primary contact who will take major responsibility for working with NCOA on initiative components including the design implementation and evaluation of the project.
- Significantly increasing the participation of older adults in SNAP through community based outreach and enrollment activities.
- Increasing public awareness of older adults hunger as an issue of national and local importance, and of SNAP as an effective strategy for reducing food insecurity among older adults.
- Providing monthly reports of outreach and enrollment figures, including numbers of people assisted with enrolling in benefits, client demographics, and required interim financial and end of grant reporting.
- Participating in periodic conference calls and responding to surveys aimed at gathering information such as best practices that will help other organizations in their outreach and enrollment efforts.

Award Amount – $25,000.00
Contract Term – 12/1/2022 – 4/30/2024
Funding Source – Federal -100%
Budget Amendment – No
Revenue Account – Aging -AA6772, 4771

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano
Commissioner

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