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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 provide a one-year, no-cost extension to the Addiction Care Center of Albany (ACCA) for their Opioid Settlement Funded (OSF) Community Grant contract (Contract No. 2024-1990). These grant funds are being used to provide short-term rental assistance and peer support to individuals leaving inpatient treatment for opioid use disorders.

The project was originally proposed to be implemented over one year, ending on June 30, 2025. However, ACCA spent several months developing the program's structure and training the staff member who would lead it. Additionally, ACCA has found that reviewing client applications and securing apartments has taken more time than anticipated, limiting the number of clients served in the first year.

To date, ACCA's short-term housing project has served 18 clients. However, the agency still has \$140,000 remaining in their award, which they intend to spend over the next twelve months. With the County's approval, ACCA's OSF Community Grant will be extended to June 30, 2026. No additional funding will be provided, but ACCA will retain access to the remaining \$140,000 in their award.

Feel free to contact me or Adam Kirkman if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,


Stephen J. Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

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