

In Our Own Voices: Albany County Funding; Scope of Services:

- Albany County will provide a \$300,000 grant to In Our Own Voices (IOOV) to ensure their continued operations on Lark Street, from which the organization carries out its work to ensure the physical, mental, spiritual, political, cultural and economic survival and growth of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people of color communities.
- This funding will support their ongoing programming and services, and it will free up resources so that they can enhance their offerings at the facility, including through a food/clothing pantry, a resource center/library, and a youth drop-in center.
- Additionally, this funding collaboration will allow for monthly County department usage of IOOV facility space to conduct drop-in/educational opportunities by the Department of Health, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Social Services, and the Department for Children, Youth and Families. This will help County residents learn more about the Departments' programs and services, and get connected with these important resources.
 - It is anticipated that for at least five (5) hours each month, IOOV will set up a table in its facility space where County Departments and residents will meet to learn about each other's resources and needs.
 - Additionally, IOOV will offer the County advertisement space in its promotional materials, including its newsletter, signage at the facility, etc., to promote their complimentary programs and services.
 - After the start of this partnership, IOOV will provide the County with reporting, detailing how county resources have been used and the impact that they have had on its communities.
- The synergy obtained from this collaborative partnership will serve to compliment and augment what IOOV is already offering to the communities it serves, together with filling gaps in services County residents are experiencing.
- The payment of the \$300,000 grant funding is subject to approval by the Albany County Legislature.