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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Albany County Dept of Health (ACDOH) is requesting permission to accept funding from NYS for the Public Health Corp Program. ACDOH will subcontract with Cornel Cooperative Ext. to recruit, hire, train and manage the fellows. Daily responsibilities of the fellows will include data collection, data analysis, community outreach and public education. Public health issues to be addressed include COVID-19 topics, chronic disease prevention (obesity, asthma, etc.), emergency preparedness, and other topics as needed. Albany County has been awarded up to \$3,547,330 for the program and we are requesting \$750,000 to be added to the 2022 department budget. The program will end on July 31, 2023.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH Commissioner of Health

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cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader

Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel

Enclosures



Albany County Department of Health is nationally accredited and meets rigorous public health standards set forth to best meet the needs of our community.