



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-5686, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Authorizing budget amendment/budget transfer to add Mental Health/Addiction Peer Specialists with lived military experience to Mental Health Dept.

Date: 6/28/204
Department: Mental Health
Attending Meeting: Dr. Giordano
Submitted By: Michael Fitzgerald
Title: Associate Director of Fiscal Operations
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Purpose of Request: Budget Amendment Enter text.

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Enter text.

Term: (Start/end date or duration) Enter text.
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Enter text.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Enter text. County: 100%
State: Enter text. Local: Enter text.

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Enter text.
Revenue Amount: Enter text.
Appropriation Account and Line: See Budget Amendment
Appropriation Amount: \$70,878

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Enter text.

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: Enter text.

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

Utilizing "March On" funds transferred from the County Veteran Services Bureau, DMH intends to broaden the scope of its clinical services units (i.e., outpatient clinic - mental health and substance abuse; jail mental health unit; crisis services - Mobile Crisis Team and ACCORD; Assertive Community Treatment; Health Home; and, MOTOR - Mobile Outreach Treatment and Overdose Recovery) by adding two (2) Mental Health/Addiction Peer Specialists with lived military experience to the County Dept. of Mental Health (DMH) team. These "credible messengers" will provide peer support and would complement existing clinical services. They would be available to work with all of the abovementioned clinical units on a case-by-case basis and would strengthen DMH's growing team of Peer Specialists allowing DMH to more confidently enter the "veterans/military space". The value of peer support is a proven therapeutic value-add across the behavioral health spectrum and will no-doubt benefit the individuals with military backgrounds that DMH encounters. It is DMH's intention to also use funding for short-term "wrap-around" supports as needed that will enhance quality of life - e.g., food, blankets, IDs, security deposits, etc.