



# County of Albany

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## Legislation Text

File #: TMP-5374, Version: 1

### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Authorize a grant award to Senior Hope Counseling

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to award \$87,070 in Opioid Settlement Funding to Senior Hope Counseling for the purpose of staffing a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) in the Albany Medical Center Emergency Room.

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| Date:              | 4/5/2024                                 |
| Submitted By:      | Adam Kirkman                             |
| Department:        | Department of Mental Health              |
| Title:             | Special Projects Coordinator (Opioids)   |
| Phone:             | 518-447-2057                             |
| Department Rep.    |  |
| Attending Meeting: | Stephen Giordano, Ph.D. and Adam Kirkman |

#### Purpose of Request:

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

### CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

#### Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):

- Contractual
- Equipment

- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: A94320.44489.OSF13.Senior Hope Counseling / \$87,070.00  
Source of Funds: Albany County Opioid Settlement Fund  
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

#### **Type of Contract:**

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

New

Submission Date Deadline 3/8/2024

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

#### **Contract Terms/Conditions:**

##### Party (Name/address):

Nicole MacFarland, Ph.D., LCSW-R  
Executive Director  
Senior Hope Counseling  
650 Warren Street  
Albany, NY 12208

##### Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$87,070

Scope of Services: Senior Hope will use the approved funds to place a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) in the Albany Medical Center Emergency Room. This CRPA will conduct outreach to seniors who may be using substances to explain their risks, provide harm reduction and connect them to treatment.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes  No   
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No   
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes  No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: A34320.037350.OSF13  
Revenue Amount: \$87,070

Appropriation Account and Line: A94320.44489.OSF13  
Appropriation Amount: \$87,070

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.  
State: Click or tap here to enter text.  
County: 100%  
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Original Awarding Agency / Funder:

NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports  
New York State Pass-Through Agency (if applicable):  
Albany County Department of Mental Health

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 6/1/2024-5/31/2025  
Length of Contract: 1 year

Impact on Pending Litigation Yes  No   
If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Albany County Mental Health made a portion of the County's Opioid Settlement Funds available to community providers through an RFP process. Agencies and community organizations were permitted to propose initiatives focused on opioid use disorder prevention, treatment or recovery, as well as supportive services such as housing and transportation. Senior Hope Counseling's project was selected for funding through an informed review process and will be implemented over the next year.

Senior Hope is the only substance abuse treatment agency in Albany County with a sole focus on senior citizens who abuse substances. Their project has the support of Albany Medical Center and will help to inform

seniors about the risks of opioid and other drug use and to engage them in treatment.