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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 award \$50,000 in Opioid Settlement Funding to the Hive of Hope in response to their application for funding through a non-competitive Recovery Support Program application released by ACDMH. The Hive will use these funds to support the continued staffing and operation of their Recovery Center.

The Hive of Hope has been in operation for over two years and operates out of its location at 161 Central Ave in Albany. As of June 2025, membership at the center exceeded 800 with an average of 30-40 new members joining each month. The Hive is a safe and welcoming place for individuals in recovery. Guests can work out on their weight equipment, play basketball in their courtyard, shoot pool, access a computer, watch a movie and attend a recovery meeting or training, all with no charge.

While the Hive receives some foundation support and has agreements with some local treatment providers that host meetings at the location, they are always in need of revenue. Based on their current projections, the Hive will run out of money in the summer of 2026. These funds will help sustain the Hive for at least an additional 6 months.

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

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
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cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader

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