



# County of Albany

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## Legislation Text

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### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Authorization to apply for and accept NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) COVID Relief Community Mental Health Jail Diversion Block Grant and Amend 2022 Budget

Date: 1/11/2022  
Submitted By: Stephen Giordano  
Department: Dept of Mental Health  
Title: Director  
Phone: 518-447-4537  
Department Rep.  
Attending Meeting: Stephen Giordano, PhD

**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.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.  
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 12/5/2021

- ☐ 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):**

NYS Office of Mental Health  
44 Holland Ave, Albany, NY 12229

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

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$174,080

Scope of Services: Funding will be used to: 1) Develop a robust "jail re-entry" case management model for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness, to include hiring a case manager and peer, in order to reduce recidivism and meet criminogenic needs through relationship building and better connection to community services and supports post-release; and 2) Undertake a sequential intercept model (SIM) mapping effort with all local partners having a nexus to the justice system, including formerly incarcerated individuals, to update Albany County's SIM report (last reviewed in 2014) as many new initiatives are underway and the development of a "behavioral health forensic white paper" will guide continued development and reimagining of how the local criminal justice system interacts with the behavioral health system.

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: A3.4310.03490  
Revenue Amount: \$160,737

Appropriation Account and Line: Various Lines  
Appropriation Amount: \$160,737 (total)

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

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

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 1/10/2022-3/14/2023  
Length of Contract: 14 months

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: N/A  
Date of Adoption: N/A

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

The Department of Mental Health requests authorization to apply for and enter into a contract with the NYS Office of Mental Health for the COVID Relief Community Mental Health grant. The Department was approached by NYS in late November 2021 about a short-turnaround (application due 12/5/2021) funding opportunity to support initiatives that divert adults diagnosed with a serious mental illness from jail. Following a well-received application, the Department of Mental Health was awarded \$174,080 to be used before 3/14/2023. The Department proposes using the funding to: 1) Develop a robust "jail re-entry" case management model for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness, to include hiring a case manager and peer, in order to reduce recidivism and meet criminogenic needs through relationship building and better connection to community services and supports post-release; and 2) Undertake a sequential intercept model (SIM) mapping effort with all local partners having a nexus to the justice system, including formerly incarcerated individuals, to update Albany County's SIM report (last reviewed in 2014) as many new initiatives are underway and the development of a "behavioral health forensic white paper" will guide continued development and reimaging of how the local criminal justice system interacts with the behavioral health system.

