



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):

The Albany County Department of Mental Health respectfully requests approval to accept funding from the Albany City Police Department to support a Street Psychiatry pilot program. Additionally, we seek permission to do a budget adjustment to reallocate existing staffing resources within the ACDMH budget into more appropriate personnel lines.

Date: 4/30/25
Department: Mental Health
Attending Meeting: Dr. Stephen Giordano, Director
Submitted By: Mark Gleason
Title: Budget Analyst
Phone: 518-447-2025
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:	0%	County:	29%
State:	0%	Local:	71%

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:	See Attached Budget Amendment
Revenue Amount:	\$353,570
Appropriation Account and Line:	See Attached Budget Amendment
Appropriation Amount:	\$353,570

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Mandated, Cite Authority:	Enter text.
Request for Bids / Proposals:	
Competitive Bidding Exempt:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
# of Response(s):	Enter text.
# of MWBE:	Enter text.
# of Veteran Business:	Enter text.
Bond Resolution No.:	Enter text.
Apprenticeship Program	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: N/A

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

The Albany County Department of Mental Health respectfully requests approval to accept funding from the Albany City Police Department to support a Street Psychiatry pilot program. Additionally, we seek permission to do a budget adjustment to reallocate existing staffing resources within the ACDMH budget into more appropriate personnel lines. This reallocation is essential for building a robust team that will enable this new initiative to move the dial on addressing homelessness among individuals with behavioral health challenges.

As previously noted, Street Psychiatry is an innovative and nationally recognized model for delivering community-based behavioral health services to vulnerable populations, many of whom are unhoused. This program engages individuals who have historically been unable or unwilling to participate in traditional, office-based services.

The pilot program will build upon existing community behavioral health infrastructure and will enhance the current range of services provided by the Department of Mental Health, including crisis response and outreach. It will involve additional staff dedicated to public outreach, support, and treatment for vulnerable and unhoused individuals in Albany County.