



# 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 contract with CHESS Health for their 'Connections' Recovery Support App

Date: August 27, 2025  
Department: Department of Mental Health  
Attending Meeting: Dr. Stephen Giordano and Adam Kirkman  
Submitted By: Adam Kirkman  
Title: Special Projects Coordinator (Opioids)  
Phone: (518) 447-2057

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization      Enter text.

### **CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:**

Party Names and Addresses:

Chess Mobile Health, Inc. 333 W. Commercial St., East Rochester, NY 14445

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 11/1/2025-10/31/2027  
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$140,000

### **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: Enter text.  
State: 100% Local: Enter text.

### **County Budget Accounts:**

Revenue Account and Line: See attached budget amendment  
Revenue Amount: \$40,000  
Appropriation Account and Line: See attached budget amendment  
Appropriation Amount: \$40,000

### **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): 4  
    # of MWBE: 1  
    # of Veteran Business: 0  
Bond Resolution No.: RFP #2025-085  
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)

The Department of Mental Health respectfully requests permission to award \$140,000 in Opioid Settlement Funding to CHESS Health in response to their proposal for funding through RFP #2025-085 Opioid Settlement Funded Recovery Support App. CHESS Health's proposal received the highest score from the review team and their budget was competitive with the other submitted proposals.

This funding will provide clients of Albany County's human service departments (Mental Health, Health, Social Services, Crime Victims) as well as five community agencies with two years of licenses and technical support for CHESS Health's Connections e-recovery app, along with Conexiones (the Spanish language version of the app) and the Companion app for family members and caregivers. Albany County and the community agencies will receive technical support to set up the app with their own logos, resources and events and a plan to promote it to their clients. Users of the app will receive onboarding assistance and will have access to Connections' peer-monitored chat, online recovery meetings, self-directed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) training, and wealth of resources (videos, meditations, playlists, podcasts, .pdfs) to assist them in their recovery, all of which will be available 24 hours a day.