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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Department for Aging is requesting the Legislature's approval for the following;

The Albany County Department for Aging is seeking authorization to accept grant funding and enter into an MOU with the Department of Social Services for EISEP services. EISEP home care services are provided to eligible persons to allow them to remain in their own home, thus precluding or delaying more costly nursing home care.

The purpose of the EISEP program is to provide eligible seniors with assistance with activities of daily living so that they are able to stay at home and be independent as long as they desire to do so. EISEP services are non-medical in-home services meant to address the needs of seniors who are not eligible to receive support from Medicaid or other programs. For many, EISEP services supplement informal family caregiver efforts by providing needed supportive services that allow seniors to continue to live in the comfort of familiar surroundings in their own community. The non-medical in-home services include non-hands on care such as Light Housekeeping; Laundry; Meal Preparation; Escort Assistance; Errands and Shopping, and hands on personal care including Bathing; Grooming; Dressing; Toileting; Transferring and Ambulation; Feeding; Self-Administration of Medication. Last year the Albany County EISEP program provided in-home care and case management to 1084 older adults.

Grant funding shall be spent on direct care for seniors: in-home supportive non-medical services will be provided to Albany County residents.

The Albany County Department for Aging will work in coordination with the Department of Social Services to provide:

- An initial screening of individuals eligible for the EISEP program
- An in-home assessment
- Case management
- Individualized care plan development

- The arrangement and coordination of in-home services
- Ongoing client monitoring and follow up

Case management services and assessments will be provided by Department of Social Services staff.

Grant Award Amount – \$824,665.00

Grant Term – 4/1/2021 – 3/31/2022

Funding Source – 66% - State, 34% - County

Budget Amendment – No

Revenue Account – Aging -AA6772.03781

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano
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