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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 (DFA) requests legislative approval to amend a contract with Senior Projects of Ravena, to provide funding for them to purchase a vehicle and continue to provide Home Delivered Meals to older adults who reside within Albany County. Ravena provides Home Delivered Meals to older adults within the following zones; Ravena, Coeymans, and South Bethlehem. The number of meals contracted in this zone area for 2023: **16,290**.

Senior Projects of Ravena also provides Congregate Meal Services to seniors at the following five (5) locations, Senior Projects of Ravena, Civill Apartments, Van Allen Apartments, Townsend Park, and Parkview Apartments. The Contractor shall serve **28,000** meals at their five (5) congregate locations.

The van purchase is extremely important for the continuation of home delivered and congregate meal programs for our older adults 60 years and older residing in Albany County needing these services. The vehicle shall be funded and is identified as an Unmet Need. Unmet Need grant funding by NYSOFA is a signal that additional funding is necessary, in certain grant expenditures, to handle the demand and/or the growth of that service for future sustainability.

Grant Award Amount – \$30,285.00
Revenue Account – Aging -AA6772 03780
Grant Term – 5/1/2023 – 4/30/2024

Budget Amendment – No
Funding Source – 100% - State

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano
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cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
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