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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chair
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chair Cunningham,

The Department of Management & Budget is requesting Legislative authorization to obligate \$29,515,880 for eligible personnel expenditures made between 1/1/2024 and 12/31/2026 using revenue replacement funds from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program of the American Rescue Plan Act. The budget amendment for this particular request allocates \$10,000,000 of the \$29,515,880 for personnel expenditures in fiscal year 2024. The remaining \$19,515,880 will be allocated in 2025 (up to \$10,000,000 in eligible personnel expenditures) and 2026 (up to \$9,515,880 in eligible personnel expenditures). The eligibility criteria for expenditures of revenue replacement funds is that the position needs to have existed prior to 12/31/2024 and it cannot be funded by other federal or state revenues. The Department of Management & Budget is proposing funding positions using revenue replacement funds that reflect the pluralistic nature of Albany County government, like: grants administration; civil service; economic development; parks and recreation; veterans services; audit and control; election administration; archiving; legislative staff; and 911 dispatch.

As part of this legislative action, the Department of Management & Budget, in conjunction with the Department of Audit & Control, will reserve the right to adjust which positions the revenue replacement funds are allocated to cover if actual expenditures for a position in a particular year are below the allocation indicated in the budget amendment (e.g., the actual expenditure is below the current fiscal year's budgeted amount due to vacancies, etc.). The Department of Management & Budget and the Department of Audit & Control will apply the same criteria for determining expenditure eligibility when determining any necessary reallocations. This flexibility is needed to ensure that reporting to the US Treasury aligns with actual expenditures made by Albany County for eligible personnel costs using revenue replacement funds from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program. The annual allocation of personnel expenditures made with revenue replacement funds for a particular fiscal year cannot exceed the annual amounts obligated by this action.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner, Management & Budget

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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