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Michael Ball
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Dear Mr. Ball,

The Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) hereby requests a term extension of the *Developing Community Partnerships to Prevent Diabetes* 2019 Blue Fund grant award. Current term is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

The proposed revised project term is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023 and is based on the following justifications and rationale:

- For the January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 period:
 - Albany County Department of Health COVID-19 containment and mitigation responsibilities (commencing in March 2020) were abbreviated and which modified implementation of select *Developing Community Partnerships to Prevent Diabetes* work activities.
 - Initially, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) did not support virtual delivery of NDPPs as there were concerns about maintaining the integrity of the program.
- CDC supported virtual delivery of NDPPs in 2021 and local classes commenced accordingly in Fall 2021. To date, three (3) National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) classes have been completed. An extension of the contract term will allow coordination the delivery of at least three additional NDPP classes through this initiative. Albany County Department of Health has identified process improvement opportunities regarding recruitment, enrollment, reporting and retention of NDPP participants which can be implemented with approval of an additional program year.
- An extension of the contract term will allow full implementation of the prediabetes public awareness campaign and provide for additional Lifestyle Coach training.

We do not expect revisions to the total budget amount requested (\$ 150,000); however, we do propose that some of the significant monies originally projected for NDPP classes be reallocated for personnel, public awareness campaign, Lifestyle Coach trainings, and administration.

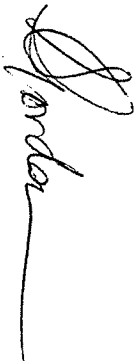


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The Albany County Department of Health appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with Highmark Blue Shield of Northeastern New York to improve community health and well-being.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Best regards,



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Program Director

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Dr. Whalen



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