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Dr. Stephen J. Giordano, Executive Director
Albany County Department of Mental Health
175 Green Street
Albany, NY 12202

Re: Jail Diversion Continuation Award

Dear Dr. Stephen J. Giordano

Congratulations on your county Jail Diversion Continuation award. This letter is to advise you of the funding \$130,560 that has been allocated to your county. An OMH allocation will be created and sent to your county.

The purpose of this award is to continue funding for five Diversion Center programs that were initially established in 2022 via COVID Relief funds. Funds were originally awarded to New York State counties and providers for the development of diversion programs aimed at reducing the arrest and incarceration of individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI).

After the award is finalized, OMH will issue 100% of the award total. Your county must submit one quarterly expense report showing a 75% life to date spend rate and a final expense report with supporting documentation.

Your county must submit one final expense report at the end of the award period, summarizing the expenditures incurred to date and provide supporting documentation. Reporting dates and templates will be communicated later. If you have questions regarding your funding authorization and/or the preparation of your reporting documents, please contact the Federal Unit at CBFM-Federalunit@omh.ny.gov .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Cohen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Cohen
Director, Federal Grants Management and Oversight Unit
Community Budget and Financial Management