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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;

To accept grant funding and for Albany County Department for Aging to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Albany County Department of Social Services for the NY Connects COVID-19 Vaccine Access supplemental funding program. This will enable NY Connects to mitigate the adverse effects of the pandemic by supporting the provision of COVID-19 vaccination information, assistance and access to older adults who are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination. The MOU shall provide direct services such as;

- Coordinating with local health departments and /or other entities to increase access to vaccines and in-home vaccine options. Any additional activity related to increasing vaccination access, including forging partnerships with state or local agencies.
- Education about the importance of receiving a vaccine.
- Identify people unable to independently travel to a vaccination site.
- Helping with scheduling a vaccine appointment.
- Arrange or provide accessible transportation.
- Provide companion/personal support.
- Reminding people of the second vaccination appointment if needed.
- Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to individuals for the purpose of receiving the vaccine/going to a vaccination site.

Grant Award Amount – \$19,725.00
Grant Term – 4/1/2021 – 9/30/2022
Funding Source – 100% - Federal

Budget Amendment – No
Revenue Account – Aging -AA6772.04237

Respectfully Submitted,

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