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Honorable Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) requests permission to amend our 2025 budget to reallocate BJA FY24 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant's funds for optimal utilization before the grant period ends. The proposed reallocation will address high-priority needs, including hiring a Care Manager to connect clients with resources upon release and link them to community supports to address social determinants of health.

Feel free to contact Michael Fitzgerald or me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.  
Director

C.C. Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
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