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Honorable Joanne Cunningham  
Chairwoman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street  
Room 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to award \$175,000 in Opioid Settlement Funding to Second Chance Opportunities for the purpose of expanding their client transportation program. This project was selected for funding through a competitive grant application process and will be implemented over the next two years. Second Chance Opportunities will use the grant funds to hire a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) driver for the transportation program. The agency will provide the vehicle and scheduling software, but grant funds will also be used for gas and maintenance. We believe that this project will meet a need and will keep individuals with opioid use disorders engaged in treatment and recovery services, thus reducing their overdose risk.

Feel free to contact me or Adam Kirkman if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,  
  
Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.  
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader  
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
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