



County of Albany

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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-7261, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

The Department of Mental Health respectfully requests permission to amend the 2026 budget to advance administrative restructuring goals through the reallocation of funds.

Date: 03/05/2026
Department: Mental Health
Attending Meeting: Dr. Stephen Giordano
Submitted By: Michael Fitzgerald
Title: Assoc. Fiscal Director
Phone: 518-447-2025

Purpose of Request: Budget Amendment

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Enter text.

Term: (Start/end date or duration) Enter text.
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$46,000

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes No
Anticipated in Budget: Yes No
Spreadsheet attached: Yes No

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 0% County: 100%
State: 0% Local: 0%

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Enter text.
Revenue Amount: Enter text.
Appropriation Account and Line: See Attached Amendment
Appropriation Amount: \$46,000

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes No
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Enter text.

Request for Bids / Proposals:

Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes No

of Response(s): Enter text.

of MWBE: Enter text.

of Veteran Business: Enter text.

Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.

Apprenticeship Program Yes No

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: Enter text.

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Department of Mental Health respectfully requests permission to amend the 2026 budget to advance administrative restructuring goals through the reallocation of funds from a long vacant and historically difficult to fill position (PT Supervising Psychologist).

Through this amendment two (2) mid-level management positions critical to DMH's overall programmatic effectiveness and efficiency will be retained along with (2) senior-level administrative positions with extensive institutional knowledge of DMH's operations as well as (1) management confidential/administrative secretary central to supporting operations.

Retaining these five staff will allow a reassignment of duties, a rebalancing of responsibilities and a re-alignment of departmental goals to prepare a strong foundation for future succession planning.