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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department for Aging is requesting the Legislature's approval for the following;

To accept the III-C-2 Home Delivered Meals Program grant from New York State Office for Aging. This grant funding will provide home delivered meal services to benefit older adults living in Albany County. Home delivered meals are the most economical long-term care service and can often substitute for or delay the need for more extensive services.

Grant Award Amount – \$278,051.00
Grant Term – 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026
Funding Source – Federal - 90%, County - 10%
Budget Amendment – No Mandate – No
Prior Resolution – No. 538
Revenue Account – A6772.04775

The home delivered meal program provides nutritious meals to the frail older adults who are incapacitated due to accident, illness or frailty or who have inadequate support from family or friends with food shopping or meal preparation. During the past year, the program delivered meals to frail older adults that were in need of meals on a temporary or longer-term basis to maintain their health and remain independent within the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah C. Riitano
Commissioner

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