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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to amend the 2023 Albany County Department of Mental Health (ACDMH) budget in order to allocate funds from the 15BJA-04489 COSSAP grant to ACDMH. This grant will allow ACDMH to hire clinical staff, and provide some psychiatric hours in order to assist individuals who are currently involved with LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion), obtain critical treatment for behavioral health challenges. Additionally, this will create improved outcomes and will support these individuals in reducing their involvement with the Criminal Justice system. There is no County share associated with this contract.

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

Sincerely,

Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.
Director

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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