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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Department of Mental Health requests permission to enter into a contract in 2025 with Second Chance Opportunities for the provision of treatment services to Albany County citizens with substance abuse and narcotic addiction related issues. **Second** Chance Opportunities is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing supportive services to people in recovery from substance use disorder. NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) will provide pass through funding to Second Chance Opportunities through Albany County Department of Mental Health for \$535,000. This appropriation is anticipated in the 2025 budget. There is no County share associated with this contract.

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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