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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 respectfully requests permission to award \$50,000 in Opioid Settlement Funding to the Capital District Recovery Center in response to their application for funding through a non-competitive Recovery Support Program application released by ACDMH. CDRC will use these funds to implement prevention services at their Recovery Center.

The CDRC Prevention Program will be led by a Community Navigator who will work with individuals at high-risk of a substance use disorder due to current drug use, interest in receiving prevention support, or who come from neighborhoods with high substance use, illegal drug sales and associated crime. The goals of the program will to increase knowledge of the risks of substance use; how substances affect health, relationships and societal functioning; to build resilience and life skills; and to provide early intervention for those showing signs of potential substance misuse and/or underlying mental health issues.

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
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