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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) has been notified of continued funding to support its Expanded Partner Services Program (ExPS). The ExPS program uses data to identify individuals diagnosed with HIV who have no recent HIV follow-up lab work in the past 13 to 24 months. The expected outcomes are to reduce disease incidence, decrease the rate of HIV transmission, increase the proportion of HIV infected individuals who are aware of their status, and increase the proportion of infected persons who are linked to prevention, partner services and treatment/medical care. The County will facilitate the re-engagement in medical care of persons thought to be out-of-care living with HIV/AIDS, notify, test partners and refer all HIV positive and high-risk negative patients it encounter to appropriate prevention, care and support services.

The grant amount is \$348,749 for the period of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024. The ACDOH receives this funding every year and does not need to apply. Only \$105,000 was anticipated in the 2023 ACDOH Budget, which was the previous grant amount. ACDOH requests authorization to accept this grant award, enter into a contract with the NYSDOH Aids Institute / Health Research Incorporated, and amend its 2023 budget to reflect the increased funding above the anticipated amount. The requested budget amendment does not account for the entirety of additional funding.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth F. Whalen, MD, MPH
Commissioner of Health



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cc: Hon. Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
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Enclosures



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