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

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Albany County Dept. of Health is requesting permission to enter into a contract with NYSDOH/HRI for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program in the amount of \$297,996 for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This funding is used to:

- Improve Albany County's capacity for public health emergency response
- Continue its robust training and exercise program to test our response capabilities
- Continue to recruit and train MRC volunteers.

All revenues and expenditures were anticipated and included in the 2021 Health Department budget. These grant funds are provided to the County on an annual basis and we are not required to apply for the 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

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

Enclosures



**Albany County Department of Health** is nationally accredited and meets rigorous public health standards set forth to best meet the needs of our community.