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Honorable Members of the City Council  
**Through the Office of the Mayor**  
City Hall – One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter comes to respectfully request that the City Council enact legislation that will enable the mayor to accept funds from the Opioid Settlement Fund as designated by the settlement agreement for state fiscal year 2025 from the Office of Addiction Services and Supports. The contractual award in the amount of \$10,053 is awarded to the City of Mount Vernon whereas the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau (MVYB) will use funds to discourage or prevent the misuse of opioids within the community.

Funds are designated by the Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) to complete evidence-based activities. OASAS is conducting annual reconciliation of all appropriations to ensure all dollars available through Regional Abatement are passed on to receiving entities payment will be made this year to account for the outstanding balance owed from SFY' 23, SFY' 24 and SFY' 25.

Based on Schedule C "Approved Uses, the MVYB will focus on PREVENTION section B (Prevent Misuse of Opioids). Some evidence-based activities include 1. Public education relating to drug disposal. 2. Corrective advertising, campaigns, or affirmative to the public. 3. Drug take-back disposal or destruction programs. 4. Support community-based education. 5. Support greater access to mental health services and support for young people 6. Engage non-profits and faith-based community as a system to support prevention. 7. Work with school-based or youth-focused programs.

Funds are to be accounted for in revenue code A2229.8 and with appropriations in budget codes: A7330.101 & 104 (Salaries), A7330.402 (Travel), A7330.405 (Contracted Outside Services), and A7330.458 (Misc), A7330.467 (Program Supplies). No matching is required for this grant.

Should you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (914) 665-2347 or by email at [Dburrell@cmvny.com](mailto:Dburrell@cmvny.com).

Sincerely,

*Debbie Burrell-Butler*

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Darren Morton, Comptroller  
Brian Johnson, Corporation Counsel

**Enclosed: Copy of award letter**