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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 17, 2012

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Non-Residential Domestic Violence Contracts

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) has been awarded $58,033 in federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to enhance non-residential services to victims of domestic violence. This proposed resolution authorizes DSS to amend the 2012 Adopted Budget and to expand existing contracts with State-approved community providers of non-residential services to victims of domestic violence.

The additional federal TANF funding has been awarded for contract expansion to vendors with existing State approval to deliver non-residential services to victims of domestic violence. The provisions of the award specifically prohibit the supplantation of existing funding agreements and also prohibit the use of funds for County government operations. Only new contractual services or expansion of existing contractual services are eligible for this funding. Furthermore, the vendors used must be among those named in the Department's Consolidated Services Plan (CSP) approved by the State. This proposed resolution seeks Legislative authority to waive section 19.08 of the County Administrative Code which otherwise requires that a Request for Proposals (RFP) be conducted.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Carol Dankert at the Department of Social Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

cc: Carol Dankert, Commissioner, Department of Social Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Social Services
Re: Non-Residential Domestic Violence Contracts
Date: September 10, 2012

SUMMARY

This proposed resolution authorizes the Department to amend contracts with each of the four State-approved community providers of non-residential services to victims of domestic violence to expand services by appropriating $58,033 in additional 100% Federal funds.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to the 2012 Adopted Budget as a result of this resolution.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department has been awarded additional funding in the amount of $58,033 in 100% Federal share Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to expand non-residential services to victims of domestic violence.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Additional Federal TANF funding has been awarded for contract expansion for vendors with existing State approval to deliver non-residential services to victims of domestic violence. The provisions of the award specifically prohibit the supplantation of existing funding agreements and also prohibit the use of funds for County government operation. Vendors must also be among those named in the Department's Consolidated Services Plan (CSP) as approved by the State.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

These important services could not be expanded.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The budget will be amended and contract amendments will be executed to enable expansion of services.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RE: Non-Residential Domestic Violence Contracts

WHEREAS, the Department has been awarded an amount of $58,033 in 100% Federal share Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to enhance non-residential services to victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the additional federal TANF funding is awarded for contract expansion for vendors with existing State approval to deliver non-residential services to victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the award specifically prohibit the supplantation of existing funding agreements and also prohibit the use of funds for County government operations; and

WHEREAS, only new contractual services or expansion of existing contractual services are eligible for this funding, and the vendors used must be among those named in the Department's Consolidated Services Plan (CSP) approved by the State; and

WHEREAS, there is no local share fiscal impact to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services and/or the County Executive are hereby authorized to enter into or amend contracts with Child and Family Services, Crisis Services, Hispanics United and the Family Justice Center for expanded non-residential services to victims of domestic violence and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2012 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE
517060	Child and Family Services	$20,312
517098	Crisis Services	20,312
517130	Family Justice Center	11,606
517166	Hispanics United of Buffalo	5,803
	Total Expenditures	$58,033
414000	Federal Aid	$58,033
	Total Revenues	$58,033

RESOLVED, that because only State-approved providers of non-residential services to victims of domestic violence are eligible to receive these funds and because these special services are needed immediately, the County Administrative Code requirement in Section 19.08 for a Request for Proposals (RFP) is hereby waived and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.