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# County of Erie

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 19, 1999

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The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
25 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14202

### Re: Safe Places Grant

Honorable Members:

Erie County has just been awarded a grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$50,000 to fund the Safe Places Program.

The Erie County Department of Youth Services will administrator the grant and utilize the funding to expand the Operation Prime Time program into four (4) suburban municipalities.

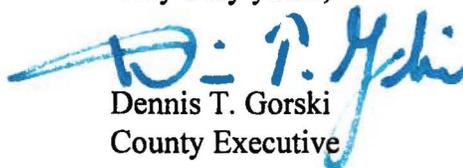
The Department needs your authorization to enter into contracts with the following municipalities for the following amounts:

<b>Amherst</b>	<b>\$ 12,500</b>	<b>Cheektowaga</b>	<b>\$ 12,500</b>
<b>Lancaster</b>	<b>\$ 12,500</b>	<b>Tonawanda</b>	<b>\$ 12,500</b>

The contracts will be eligible for 100% reimbursement from the state.

Please refer this matter to the Social Services Committee of your Honorable Body. Commissioner L. Nathan Hare, of the Department of Youth Services, will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,



Dennis T. Gorski  
County Executive

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Attachments

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## Proposed Resolution

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**Whereas**, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services has awarded Erie County a grant for the period 1/1/99 to 12/31/99 in the amount of \$50,000 to fund the Safe Places Program in four suburban municipalities, and

**Whereas**, the Department of Youth Services will be the administrator of this new grant.

**Now, Therefore, Be It**

**Resolved**, that the Safe Places grant project is hereby established in the Department of Youth Service's 1999 Budget, Grant Fund 281, and that \$50,000 is hereby appropriated to Account 830-Contractual Expense to cover the cost of contracting with municipalities implementing the Safe Places Program, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the source of funds is \$50,000 available from New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and the following municipalities for the following amounts:

<b>Amherst</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>Tonawanda</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>Lancaster</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>Cheektowaga</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>

and be it further

**Resolved**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, and the Department of Youth Services.

## ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

### DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD AND EXECUTE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS

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#### I. Summary

We are requesting authorization to establish a grant project and to allow the County Executive to enter into and execute all applications, contracts, and amendments between the County, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and municipalities selected to implement the Safe Places Program.

#### II. Fiscal Impact

The cost of the program is eligible to receive 100% reimbursement from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

#### III. Reasons for Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Legislature establish a grant project and appropriate \$50,000 in 100% state aid to the Department of Youth Services-Youth Division, under Grant Fund 821, Contractual Expense - 830 to cover the cost of contracting with selected municipalities, and that they authorize the County Executive to enter into and execute any and all applications, contracts and amendments between the County, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and selected municipalities.

#### IV. Background

The Erie County Youth Bureau, working in conjunction with municipal youth bureau directors and youth administrators, has coordinated and developed a proposal that will offer the Safe Places program in (4) large municipalities in Erie County. Through this grant, funding will be evenly distributed to each municipality (\$12,500 each) and its partner agencies.

The municipal youth bureaus in the Town's of Amherst, Cheektowaga, Lancaster and Tonawanda, along with their partner agencies, were selected to operate the Safe Places Program as a way of expanding the very successful "Prime Time" Program into the suburban areas of Erie County.

**Accompanying Memorandum  
Department of Youth Services Grant Award**

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**V. Consequences of Negative Action**

Without approval the department will be unable to receive this 100% grant from the State Office of Children and Family Services, thus seriously jeopardizing the department's ability to deliver services to youth in Erie County.

**VI. Steps Following Approval**

The Department of Youth Services will submit the necessary state and municipal contract forms to the County Executive for signing.