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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
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Buffalo, NY 14202

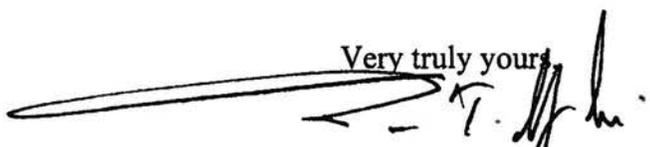
RE: Department of Youth Services
Authorization to Contract -
Delinquency Prevention Programs

Honorable Members:

The Department of Youth Services is responsible for funding youth development and delinquency prevention type programs throughout the county.

The Department of Youth Services has an additional \$19,567 of state aid eligibility from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to fund the Compass House - Homeless Transitional Program. The Department needs your authorization to increase the appropriation in Account 830 - Contractual Services, in the Department of Youth Services-Youth Division's 1998 regular operating budget, to cover the cost of contracting with Compass House. The county is eligible to receive 100% reimbursement from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services for the cost of this program.

Please refer this matter to the Social Services Committee. 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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**ACCOMPANYING LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES
AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT**

SUMMARY

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services, Erie County Department of Youth Services, the Erie County Youth Services Board have reviewed and recommended \$19,567 in state aid funding for the Compass House Homeless Transitional Program. We are requesting authorization for 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 Compass House.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This authorization will enable the county to receive \$19,567 in state aid for the Compass House Emergency Shelter Program. Without this authorization, however, the Erie County Department of Youth Services cannot fund the above listed program and will forfeit \$19,567 in state aid.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the County Legislature appropriate \$19,567 in 100% reimbursable state aid to the Department of Youth Services-Youth Division under Fund 110, Project 946, Account 830, sub-account 0779 - Homeless Reimbursement, 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 Compass House.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Compass House will utilize the additional \$19,567 in state aid to assist them in operating the Homeless Transitional Program.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services has \$19,567 in additional state aid eligibility that requires no additional county matching funds, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services has specifically designated \$19,567 for the Compass House Homeless Transitional Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that \$19,567 is hereby appropriated to Account 830, sub-account 0778 - Runaway Reimbursement, in the Department of Youth Services-Youth Division's, 1998 regular operating budget, to cover the cost of contracting with the above listed agency, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of funds is \$19,567 in state aid from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any applications, contracts included therein, and amendments with the State of New York and the above listed agency, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby makes a finding that it is impracticable to follow the standard RFP procedure, and hereby waives the procedures outlined in section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code, since the State Division For Youth requires that these special services must be provided by Compass House and this program has been approved by the Erie County Youth Services Board, 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.

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BACKGROUND

- a). Through the Erie County comprehensive planning process, the Erie County Department of Youth Services and the Erie County Youth Services Board have reviewed and recommended \$19,567 in state aid funding for the Compass House Homeless Transitional Program.
- b). The Department of Youth Services has submitted the required 1998 state aid forms to the New York State Division of Youth, to ensure timely approval and implementation of programs.
- c). It is necessary for the County Executive to enter into and execute applications, contracts and amendments with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and Compass House.
- d). It is impracticable to follow the standard Erie County RFP procedure (Section 19.08 of the Administrative Code) because New York State Office of Children and Family Services guidelines require all funding recommendations to be made by the Erie County Youth Services Board.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTIONS

Without legislative approval, the aforementioned agency will be unable to access additional state aid, and therefore the agency's ability to deliver services to youth in Erie County will be reduced and jeopardized.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The necessary state aid application forms and contracts will be submitted to the County Executive for signing. The Department of Youth Services will execute a contract with the aforementioned agency and encumber the \$19,567 under Fund 110, Project 946, Account 830, sub-account 0779 - Homeless Reimbursement.

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