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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 5, 2011

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Catholic Charities Closing the Gap Contract

Honorable Members:

The Department of Social Services will receive a \$49,010 cash donation from the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County for preventive services aimed at supplementing the successful Closing the Gap initiative. The donated funds will be used to draw down additional State share funding in the amount of \$49,010; therefore, this resolution requests authorization to amend the current year budget and execute a contract with Catholic Charities in the amount of \$98,020.

Closing the Gap is an activity that places casework staff in school buildings to provide an outreach specialist function to assist students as needed in assessment, counseling, referral and intervention, and this contract increase will enable an expanded summer youth program. Staff assigned focus on the unique needs of individual students and bridge the gap between students, teachers, administrators, support staff and community service providers. There is no fiscal impact to this resolution as the local share is to be offset by the cash donation from the United Way.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Social Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Social Services
Re: Catholic Charities Closing the Gap Contract
Date: July 5, 2011

SUMMARY

The Department of Social Services will receive a \$49,010 cash donation from the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County for preventive services aimed at supplementing the successful Closing the Gap initiative. The donated funds will be used to draw down additional State share funding in the amount of \$49,010.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to this resolution as the local share is to be offset by the cash donation from the United Way.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Closing the Gap is an activity that places casework staff in school buildings to provide an outreach specialist function to assist students as needed in assessment, counseling, referral and intervention, and this contract increase will enable an expanded summer youth program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff assigned focus on the unique needs of individual students and bridge the gap between students, teachers, administrators, support staff and community service providers.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

This important initiative could not be funded.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Contracts will be executed and services will be delivered.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RE: Catholic Charities
Closing the Gap Contract.

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services will receive a \$49,010 cash donation from the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County for preventive services aimed at supplementing the successful Closing the Gap initiative, and these donated funds will be used to draw down additional State share funding in the amount of \$49,010; and

WHEREAS, Closing the Gap is an activity that places casework staff in school buildings to provide an outreach specialist function to assist students as needed in assessment, counseling, referral and intervention, and this contract increase will enable an expanded summer youth program; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution as the local share is to be offset by the cash donation from the United Way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, since this services is needed immediately, section 19.08 Request for Proposal requirement is waived in execution of this contract, and be it further

RESOLVED, the County Executive is authorized to execute contracts with Catholic Charities for the Closing the Gap initiative, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2011 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

	Current Budget	Changes	Amended Budget
REVENUES			
418430 Donated Funds	0	\$49,010	\$49,010
407680 State Aid	0	<u>\$49,010</u>	\$49,010
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>\$98,020</u>	
APPROPRIATIONS			
517041 Catholic Charities –Closing the Gap	0	<u>\$98,020</u>	\$98,020
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>\$98,020</u>	

and be it further

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