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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 19, 2011

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

**RE: Department of Social Services
Non-Residential Domestic Violence Contracts**

Honorable Members:

The Department has been awarded an amount of \$24,460 in 100% Federal share Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to enhance non-residential services to victims of domestic violence. This proposed resolution authorizes the Department to amend the 2011 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 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: Non-Residential Services to Victims of Domestic Violence
Date: August 19, 2011

SUMMARY

This proposed resolution authorizes the Department to amend contracts with each of the three State-approved community providers of non-residential services to victims of domestic violence to expand services by appropriating \$24,460 in additional 100% Federal funds.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to the 2011 Adopted Budget as a result of this resolution.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

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.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department has been awarded additional funding in the amount of \$24,460 in 100% Federal share Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to expand non-residential services to victims of domestic violence.

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 \$24,460 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, and Hispanics United 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 2011 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

		Current Budget	Changes	Amended Budget
REVENUES				
Account	Description			
414000	Federal Aid	0	<u>\$24,460</u>	\$24,460
	TOTAL REVENUE		<u>\$24,460</u>	
 APPROPRIATIONS				
517098	Crisis Services	91,500	\$7,887	\$99,387
517166	Hispanics United of Buffalo	111,250	4,343	115,593
517060	Child and Family Services	262,788	<u>12,230</u>	275,018
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		<u>\$24,460</u>	

and, be it further

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.