COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 31, 2014

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

Re: Acceptance of TANF Domestic Violence Funds and Adjustment to Non-Residential Domestic Violence Contracts

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Social Services has been awarded $117,984 in 100% Federal share Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds to enhance non-residential services to victims of domestic violence. This proposed resolution requests authorization to amend the 2014 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, please contact Carol Dankert-Maurer at the Department of Social Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure
cc: Carol Dankert-Maurer, Department of Social Services

MEMORANDUM

To:	Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From:	Social Services
Re:	Non-Residential Domestic Violence Contracts
Date:	October 31, 2014

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 $117,984 in additional 100% Federal funds and $55,911 in unexpended funds.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to the 2014 Adopted Budget as a result of this resolution.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department has been awarded additional funding in the amount of $117,984 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 of Social Services has been awarded an amount of $117,984 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, the Department wishes to also reallocate unexpended funding in its 2014 budget to address the problem of domestic violence within our community.

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 2014 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Fund 110, Department 120

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION		INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
525000	Medicaid Local Share		($55,911)
516410	Child and Family Services		$97,345
516410	Crisis Services		$60,000
516410	Family Justice Center		$9,735
516410	Hispanics United of Buffalo		$6,815
		Total Expenditures	$117,984
414000	Federal Aid		$117,984

Total Revenue $117,984

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 authorization is hereby provided to reappropriate available year end 2014 balances for the above agencies, into 2015 to provide uninterrupted services to domestic violence victims, 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.