



OFFICE OF THE ERIE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FRANK A. SEDITA, III
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

December 15, 2014

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

Re: District Attorney's Office
STOP Violence Against Women Grant
Immediate Consideration Requested

Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution and an accompanying memorandum pertaining to the STOP Violence Against Women Grant in the District Attorney's Office. This resolution requests a position changes and budget revisions in accordance with grantor approved funding levels.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this matter. If your Honorable Body requires any further information, kindly contact the Office of the District Attorney and we will be happy to accommodate your request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank A. Sedita, III".

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ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

To: Erie County Legislature
From: Frank A. Sedita, III, District Attorney
Date: December 15, 2014
Re: STOP Violence Against Women Grant
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I. Summary of Recommended Action

The proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum request authorization to reallocate positions and budgeted funds within the STOP Violence Against Women Grant and the general fund. We are requesting that one position of Data Entry Operator (JG 4) be transferred from the STOP Violence Against Women grant budget to the general fund.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

The District Attorney's Office has received continued grant funding for the STOP Violence Against Women grant in the amount of \$66,750 from the state of New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) through their Violence Against Women (VAWA) funding. However, for 2015 funding year, the grantor made changes to the objectives of this grant which necessitated revising the positions being funded under this program.

Although DCJS will continue to fund an Assistant District Attorney, the Data Entry Operator will no longer be supported with VAWA funding. Previous funding levels of this grant were approximately the same as the new award and would support about 50% of the total program costs necessitating county share. The reduction in county share within this grant for 2015 will allow us to transfer the position of the Data Entry Operator into the general fund. The reallocations would actually result in an overall savings to the county of approximately \$10,360.

III. Reason for Recommendation and Background of Proposal

This recommendation will allow the STOP Violence Against Women Grant appropriations as listed in the 2015 Budget Book B to be realigned with the final grantor approved appropriation levels. Under this grant program, this office received funding for two positions for many years – an Assistant District Attorney III and a Data Entry Operator. However, the funding only allowed for approximately 50% of their costs, necessitating county share.

This year's funding was awarded under a very competitive process which included new aspects to the grant's objectives. In order to secure funding, our office made some programmatic changes in order to support increased direct services to victims of domestic

violence. As such, we were awarded continued funding for the Assistant District Attorney; however, the Data Entry Operator will no longer be supported under this program. The level of funding has not changed considerably from prior years, allowing us to reallocate appropriated county share from the grant to the general fund to continue to support the position of the Data Entry Operator.

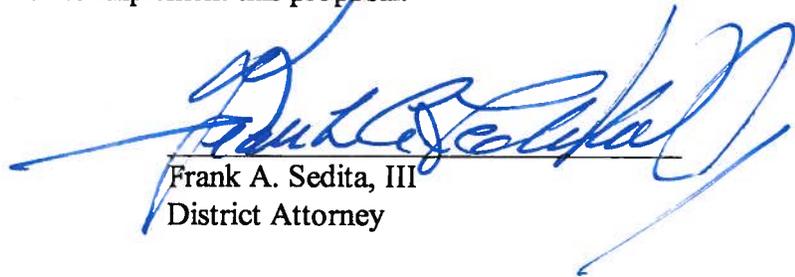
The Data Entry Operator is necessary to the daily operations of the Domestic Violence Bureau as she enters information pertinent to those cases. The data entry operator also enters information to create court notices for victims and witnesses in domestic violence cases, information related to orders of protection, case events. This information is used throughout the day by the prosecutors and for reporting purposes with other state and federal grants.

IV. Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve this request would result not only in the loss of a dedicated and hardworking individual, but would generate a backlog of case data. This office would not be able to maintain accurate and timely data with the loss of a Data Entry Operator.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

The District Attorney's Office will work with the Division of Budget and Management and the Comptroller's Office to implement this proposal.



Frank A. Sedita, III
District Attorney

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: District Attorney's Office
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WHEREAS, the District Attorney through the STOP Violence Against Women Grant provides needed services to the residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney, per the grantor's request, has programmatically restructured this grant and the budgeted positions therein to take effect as of April 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the contract received from the NYS DCJS authorizes funding levels different from the adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature has already approved the District Attorney's STOP Violence Against Women Grant Budget in Book B for 2015

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2015, the position of Data Entry Operator (#2238) be transferred from fund 281, cost center 1140050, grant 114STOPVIOLNCE2015, to fund 110, fund center 11400, (B100 #8081); and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to reallocate funds in the District Attorney's STOP Violence Against Women Grant as follows:

STOP Violence Against Women Grant
January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015
Fund: 281, Cost Center: 1140050, Grant: 114STOPVIOLNCE2015

	<u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>FINAL</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
414000 Federal Revenue	\$ 63,550	\$ 3,200	\$ 66,750
479000 County Share Contribution	<u>99,223</u>	<u>(64,223)</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 162,773</u>	<u>\$ (61,023)</u>	<u>\$ 101,750</u>
<u>Appropriation</u>			
500000 Full Time Salaries	\$ 101,101	\$ (32,859)	\$ 68,242
502000 Fringe Benefits	<u>61,672</u>	<u>(28,164)</u>	<u>33,508</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 162,773</u>	<u>\$ (61,023)</u>	<u>\$ 101,750</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that during the grant fiscal year, the Director of Budget and Finance is hereby authorized to adjust budgets to comply with grantor approved funding levels, including interdepartmental billing adjustments, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby provide authorization to reallocate funds within the District Attorney's 2015 budget, to be adjusted as follows:

Fund 110, Fund Center 11400

	Increase / <u>(Decrease)</u>
500000 Full Time Salaries	\$ 32,859
502000 Fringe Benefits	21,000
559000 County Share Contribution	<u>(53,859)</u>
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Budget & Management is hereby authorized to establish and adjust budgets as required to comply with State-approved funding levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County District Attorney, the Erie County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller and the Director of Budget and Management.