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Attachments:	FFY 2009-10 Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) Allocations as authorized by the SFY 2010-11 Budget (Attachment A: Adult Protective & Domestic Violence Services; Attachment B: All Eligible Title XX Services)
Attachments Available Online:	Yes (only as an attachment to this policy: http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/policies/external)

I. Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide local districts with their Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) allocations for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010-11.

II. Background

The national appropriation for Title XX for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009-10 is \$1.7 billion. New York State's share is \$108,362,301.

Approximately five percent of the total New York State allotment, or \$5,418,115, has been allocated to support training activities for local district and state staff. The remaining amount

of \$102,944,186 is allocated to local districts. Chapter 110 of the Laws of 2010 directs that \$66,000,000 be provided for the reimbursement of local district expenditures for Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services and the remaining funding of \$36,944,186 is available to reimburse other eligible Title XX services expenditures. Claims submitted for expenditures from October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, will be accepted through March 31, 2011.

III. Other Related SFY 2010-11 Budget Actions

Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS): The SFY 2010-11 Enacted Budget appropriates \$960 million of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to continue FFFS. Prior to the establishment of FFFS in SFY 2005-06, three separate appropriations were made for TANF Emergency Assistance to Families (EAF) child welfare services and for TANF transfer to Title XX for child welfare and for other Title XX services. Those separate appropriations do not exist for SFY 2010-11. Instead, the FFFS provides districts with the flexibility to determine local funding priorities. Districts have greater flexibility in how they may use FFFS directly for child welfare services. Under the FFFS, child welfare services may be funded for families that meet the TANF EAF eligibility criteria and/or for families with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Districts also have the option to transfer a portion of their FFFS allocations to the Title XX Block Grant. Under federal law, any FFFS funding your district chooses to transfer to the Title XX Block Grant must be used for families and individuals with incomes below 200 percent of the federal income level. Among the programs that can be supported with funds transferred to Title XX from a district's FFFS allocation are the TANF Transfer to Title XX under 200 percent for Preventive, Child Protective, Aftercare and Adoption Services and TANF transfer to Title XX for otherwise eligible Title XX under 200 percent expenditures. Under federal statute, no more than 30 percent of the state's entire TANF block grant may be transferred to the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and Title XX combined, with only up to 10 percent of the entire TANF block grant eligible for transfer to Title XX. Under Chapter 110 of the Laws of 2010, for SFY 2010-11 a district may transfer up to 33 percent of its FFFS allocation to the amount of TANF funds that may be transferred to the CCDBG and Title XX combined, with up to 25 percent of its FFFS allocation going to Title XX.

With the establishment of FFFS in SFY 2005-06, district-specific Child Welfare Services thresholds were enacted. For SFY 2010-11, the total combined threshold is \$342,322,341. In order for districts to receive state reimbursement for Child Welfare Services, each district must expend FFFS funds for Title XX under 200 percent, TANF-EAF Child Welfare Services, FFFS Child Welfare Direct Services for families with income below 200 percent, and Administration at a level equal to or greater than that district's portion of the \$342,322,341 statewide Child Welfare Services threshold. If districts do not meet the new child welfare threshold through child welfare expenditures under FFFS and FFFS funds transferred to Title XX, they will not receive 95.4 percent of 65 percent (or 62 percent) reimbursement for their other child welfare costs, other than community optional preventive services.

IV. Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) Allocation Methodology

The Title XX allocations provide \$66,000,000 for the reimbursement of local district expenditures for Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services and \$36,944,186 for the reimbursement of other eligible Title XX services expenditures for a total of \$102,944,186. The allocation methodology is as follows:

Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services (Attachment A): Of the \$102,944,186, \$66,000,000 is set aside to provide 100 percent reimbursement to local districts for eligible Title XX services expenditures for Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services, incurred on or after October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, and claimed by March 31, 2011, for settlement purposes. Allocation of this funding is based on each local district's share of claims for those services, adjusted by the applicable cost allocation methodology and net of any retroactive payments, for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2009, that were submitted on or before January 4, 2010.

It should be noted that FFFS funds also are available to cover costs eligible for Title XX below 200 percent, if a local district elects to transfer a portion of its FFFS funds allocation to Title XX to fund these services, for Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services to children and their families with incomes less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income level for the family.

If a local district does not fully expend its allocation, the funds may be reallocated to other local districts with eligible claims that exceed their allocations. Eligible Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services expenditures in excess of the allocation are eligible for state reimbursement at the rate of 98 percent of 50 percent (or 49 percent) after any additional federal reimbursement is received.

All Eligible Title XX Services (Attachment B): The remaining funding of \$36,944,186 may be used to reimburse other eligible Title XX services expenditures incurred on or after October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, and claimed by March 31, 2011, for settlement purposes. The allocation of these funds is based on each local district's claims for eligible Title XX services, adjusted by the applicable cost allocation methodology and net of any retroactive payments for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2009, that were submitted on or before January 4, 2010. The allocation methodology does not consider Adult Protective Services and Domestic Violence Services, as those claims were considered in allocating the \$66,000,000 set aside mentioned above. The allocation methodology also does not consider claims for Preventive Services, Child Protective Services, Aftercare Services, or Adoption Services (including Post-Adoption Services), as funding for those services was factored into the local district's estimated share of the FFFS allocation. Although the allocation of these Title XX funds did not include claims for Adult Protective Services, Domestic Violence Services or the child welfare services, these funds may be used to reimburse the costs of such services.

If a local district does not fully expend its allocation, the funds may be reallocated to other local districts with eligible claims that exceed their allocations. Title XX eligible services expenditures, other than Adult Protective Services, Domestic Violence Services and child welfare services, in excess of the allocation are **not** eligible for state reimbursement.

V. Claiming

Expenditures for allocations included in this publication are claimed as follows.

Title XX	Purchased Expenditures	Schedule G	LDSS-1372
	Administrative Expenditures	Schedule D2	LDSS-2347-B
	Training	Schedule D6	LDSS-2347-C

Instructions for claiming purchased expenditures can be found in the Fiscal Reference Manual, Volume 2, Chapter 3. Instructions for claiming administrative expenditures can be found in the Fiscal Reference Manual, Volume 4, Chapter 9 (New York City) and Volume 3, Chapter 9 (Rest of State). Instructions for claiming training expenditures can be found in the Fiscal Reference Manual, Volume 4, Chapter 13 (New York City) and Volume 3, Chapter 13 (Rest of State). The Fiscal Reference Manuals are accessible to local districts and sister agencies at the following intranet site address: <http://otda.state.nyenet/bfdm/>.

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ATTACHMENT A

**Title XX
FFY 2009-2010
Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services**

District	Allocation	District	Allocation
Albany	\$1,485,082	Ontario	\$160,155
Allegany	88,399	Orange	967,729
Broome	449,902	Orleans	75,956
Cattaraugus	137,082	Oswego	236,241
Cayuga	129,158	Otsego	142,440
Chautauqua	247,692	Putnam	109,602
Chemung	208,862	Rensselaer	304,473
Chenango	98,668	Rockland	917,166
Clinton	243,559	St. Lawrence	234,451
Columbia	173,915	Saratoga	184,396
Cortland	133,360	Schenectady	495,807
Delaware	273,022	Schoharie	118,233
Dutchess	862,162	Schuyler	54,111
Erie	2,863,890	Seneca	68,923
Essex	124,274	Steuben	200,332
Franklin	185,418	Suffolk	2,821,948
Fulton	122,528	Sullivan	164,195
Genesee	138,585	Tioga	102,941
Greene	148,557	Tompkins	237,785
Hamilton	5,282	Ulster	655,608
Herkimer	101,260	Warren	148,214
Jefferson	246,364	Washington	151,993
Lewis	57,482	Wayne	137,543
Livingston	183,101	Westchester	4,458,978
Madison	183,039	Wyoming	37,725
Monroe	1,367,858	Yates	43,471
Montgomery	95,903		
Nassau	1,798,070	Upstate	27,025,239
Niagara	359,754		
Oneida	341,240	New York City	38,974,761
Onondaga	941,355		
		Statewide Totals	\$66,000,000

ATTACHMENT B

**Title XX
FFY 2009-2010
All Eligible Title XX Services**

District	Allocation	District	Allocation
Albany	\$285,826	Ontario	\$76,301
Allegany	36,271	Orange	325,807
Broome	132,420	Orleans	26,694
Cattaraugus	52,777	Oswego	81,116
Cayuga	42,529	Otsego	45,750
Chautauqua	99,276	Putnam	53,432
Chemung	88,608	Rensselaer	92,026
Chenango	32,776	Rockland	280,251
Clinton	94,502	St. Lawrence	70,751
Columbia	55,232	Saratoga	65,619
Cortland	42,947	Schenectady	114,168
Delaware	45,043	Schoharie	51,601
Dutchess	353,270	Schuyler	24,077
Erie	714,558	Seneca	31,393
Essex	37,419	Steuben	97,231
Franklin	49,373	Suffolk	1,291,018
Fulton	36,409	Sullivan	62,297
Genesee	43,467	Tioga	36,497
Greene	56,288	Tompkins	93,853
Hamilton	3,217	Ulster	233,899
Herkimer	37,458	Warren	45,648
Jefferson	83,506	Washington	54,932
Lewis	16,807	Wayne	43,882
Livingston	74,675	Westchester	2,067,485
Madison	48,066	Wyoming	25,322
Monroe	490,445	Yates	21,216
Montgomery	37,098		
Nassau	2,838,475	Upstate	11,932,070
Niagara	115,636		
Oneida	121,363	New York City	25,012,116
Onondaga	354,067		
		Statewide Totals	\$36,944,186