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I. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) is to provide local departments of social services (LDSS) with their Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) allocations for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014-15.

II. Background

The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) (CFDA# 93.667) or Title XX of the Social Security Act, (Public Law 106-66, U.S.C. 1397 ET seq.) provides annual capped entitlement funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. In FFY 2014, New York State will receive \$97,802,404, a net decrease of \$2.4 million from the prior year.

Approximately five percent of the total New York State allotment or \$4,890,120 has been allocated to support training activities for local departments of social services (LDSS) and state staff. The remaining amount of \$92,912,284 is allocated to LDSS. Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2014 directs that \$66,000,000 will continue to be provided for the reimbursement of LDSS expenditures for Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services, and the remaining

funding of \$26,912,284 will be available to reimburse other eligible Title XX services expenditures. Claims submitted for expenditures from October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, will be accepted through March 31, 2015.

III. Other Related SFY 2014-15 Budget Actions

The SFY 2014-15 Enacted Budget continues to appropriate \$964 million of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding for the Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS). Under the FFFS, Child Welfare Services may be funded for families that meet the TANF-Emergency Assistance to Families (EAF) eligibility criteria and/or for families with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. LDSS also have the option to transfer a portion of their FFFS allocation to the Title XX Social Services Block Grant. Federal law requires that any FFFS funding transferred to the Title XX Social Services Block Grant must be used for families and individuals with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Recipients of the Title XX below 200 percent funds also must be either U.S. citizens or qualified aliens as defined by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996.

Among the programs that can be supported with funds transferred to Title XX from an LDSS's FFFS allocation are the TANF Transfer to Title XX below 200 percent for Preventive, Child Protective, Aftercare and Adoption Services and the TANF transfer to Title XX for otherwise eligible Title XX below 200 percent expenditures. Consistent with federal statute, a statewide total of 30 percent of the state's total TANF funds may be transferred to the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and/or to the Title XX Social Services Block Grant, with an upward statewide limit of 10 percent for the Title XX transfer. Under Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2014, for SFY 2014-15, an LDSS may transfer up to 32 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 2014-15, the total combined threshold continues to be \$342,322,341. In order for districts to receive state reimbursement for eligible child welfare expenditures, each district must expend FFFS funds for Title XX below 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 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 LDSS expenditures for Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services and \$26,912,284 for the reimbursement

of other eligible Title XX services expenditures for a total of \$92,912,284. The allocation methodology is as follows:

Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services (Attachment A): Of the \$92,912,284, \$66,000,000 is set aside to provide 100 percent reimbursement to LDSS for eligible Title XX services expenditures for Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services, incurred on or after October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and claimed by March 31, 2015, for settlement purposes. Allocation of this funding is based on each LDSS'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, 2013, that was submitted on or before January 2, 2014.

It should be noted that FFFS funds also are available to cover costs eligible for Title XX below 200 percent, if an LDSS 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 an LDSS does not fully expend its allocation, the funds may be reallocated to other LDSS 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 applied.

All Eligible Title XX Services (Attachment B): The remaining funding of \$26,912,284 may be used to reimburse other eligible Title XX services expenditures incurred on or after October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, and claimed by March 31, 2015, for settlement purposes. The allocation of these funds is based on each LDSS'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, 2013, that was submitted on or before January 2, 2014. 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 LDSS'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 Child Welfare Services, these funds may be used to reimburse the costs of such services.

If an LDSS does not fully expend its allocation, the funds may be reallocated to other LDSS 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 3, Chapter 9. Instructions for claiming training expenditures can be found in the Fiscal Reference Manual, Volume 3, Chapter 13. The Fiscal Reference Manuals are available at <http://otda.state.nyenet/bfdm/finance>.

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ATTACHMENT A

**Title XX
FFY 2013-2014
Adult Protective and Domestic Violence Services**

District	Allocation	District	Allocation
Albany	1,527,485	Ontario	105,424
Allegany	54,677	Orange	701,825
Broome	327,573	Orleans	43,883
Cattaraugus	87,827	Oswego	159,651
Cayuga	122,438	Otsego	122,106
Chautauqua	177,480	Putnam	81,267
Chemung	172,036	Rensselaer	212,942
Chenango	81,133	Rockland	582,215
Clinton	150,504	St. Lawrence	169,733
Columbia	107,365	Saratoga	133,671
Cortland	102,754	Schenectady	321,769
Delaware	285,002	Schoharie	114,336
Dutchess	988,945	Schuyler	25,820
Erie	1,977,844	Seneca	47,102
Essex	95,461	Steuben	128,276
Franklin	85,473	Suffolk	2,029,260
Fulton	82,428	Sullivan	106,712
Genesee	79,958	Tioga	77,665
Greene	87,232	Tompkins	178,257
Hamilton	3,095	Ulster	262,728
Herkimer	74,822	Warren	90,977
Jefferson	188,375	Washington	62,368
Lewis	47,135	Wayne	84,698
Livingston	106,405	Westchester	2,528,160
Madison	155,598	Wyoming	25,674
Monroe	893,615	Yates	25,739
Montgomery	61,428		
Nassau	1,143,399	Upstate	18,751,478
Niagara	205,996		
Oneida	225,114	New York City	47,248,522
Onondaga	630,623		
		Statewide Totals	66,000,000

ATTACHMENT B

**Title XX
FFY 2013-2014
All Eligible Title XX Services**

District	Allocation	District	Allocation
Albany	148,189	Ontario	58,089
Allegany	35,704	Orange	182,670
Broome	75,616	Orleans	15,531
Cattaraugus	31,130	Oswego	60,978
Cayuga	25,664	Otsego	33,333
Chautauqua	58,730	Putnam	27,969
Chemung	46,841	Rensselaer	53,539
Chenango	22,950	Rockland	160,321
Clinton	57,642	St. Lawrence	47,074
Columbia	37,039	Saratoga	42,635
Cortland	28,252	Schenectady	80,586
Delaware	25,698	Schoharie	57,040
Dutchess	177,440	Schuyler	11,576
Erie	294,432	Seneca	22,471
Essex	24,409	Steuben	71,285
Franklin	31,615	Suffolk	451,670
Fulton	26,600	Sullivan	40,462
Genesee	24,020	Tioga	27,500
Greene	30,212	Tompkins	50,870
Hamilton	1,864	Ulster	136,376
Herkimer	22,520	Warren	19,761
Jefferson	72,853	Washington	28,739
Lewis	13,880	Wayne	29,277
Livingston	42,578	Westchester	769,669
Madison	30,853	Wyoming	12,463
Monroe	188,413	Yates	12,220
Montgomery	18,348		
Nassau	1,485,994	Upstate	5,905,591
Niagara	73,868		
Oneida	65,746	New York City	21,006,693
Onondaga	182,387		
		Statewide Totals	26,912,284