

RESOLUTION NO. 168-2016, ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING 100% PASS THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (OCFS) TO THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILD TRAFFICKING VICTIMS IDENTIFIED AND SERVED AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has awarded Suffolk County Department of Social Services as the recipient of 100% pass through funding in the amount of \$136,500 to implement the Safe Harbour project to increase the number of child trafficking victims identified and served; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant is to identify child trafficking victims on a local level, heighten system and community awareness, and to begin to promote policies and practices that gradually reduce it; and

WHEREAS, this program will provide for a multi-agency task force designed to combat child trafficking by identifying and increasing communication and collaboration among key stakeholders; promoting community awareness about the sexual exploitation of children and available services; enhancing the service provider community's ability to identify, assess and coordinate the delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, EAC will launch a social media campaign to improve outreach to youth at large and encourage potential victims to utilize program services; and

WHEREAS, these funds are available to the Suffolk County Department of Social Services from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, said funds are not included in the 2016 Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Suffolk County to accept these funds; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the County Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate the following funds:

<u>REVENUES:</u>		<u>\$136,500</u>
001-3610	STATE AID: Administration	\$136,500

<u>ORGANIZATIONS:</u>		<u>\$136,500</u>
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Department of Social Services
Family and Children's Services
001-DSS-6010

<u>4000-Contractual Expenses</u>	<u>\$136,500</u>
4980-JSP1–Education and Assistance Corporation (EAC), Safe Harbour Program	\$136,500

and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that the County Executive and the Commissioner of Social Services be and they are hereby are authorized to execute a contract with the Education and Assistance Corporation, Inc. for the Safe Harbour Program.

DATED: March 22, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 29, 2016