

**ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING
 RFP # 2024-012VF: NON-RESIDENTIAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES**

QUESTION		ANSWER
1.	Can a provider submit a proposal for just one of the listed core services, or must they provide ALL of the core services?	As per section 462 of Book 18 of NYSCRR, providers of Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services must be qualified non-profit agencies that are certified by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), and must provide all six core services.
2.	The total budget of the RFP is a maximum of \$2,000,000. Is this the same as before, or an increase?	It is a very small increase, but essentially the same. It is just a rounded number instead of an odd amount.
3.	Does the increase mean that current providers can request an increase in funding?	As part of an agency's proposal, they can outline the services they propose to offer, and a budget to support them. It does not mean that the review committee will award them the amount they request, however. Historically, ECDSS has funded six agencies to provide these services, so the total funding will be distributed in a way that best meets the needs of ECDSS.
4.	The Erie County DA's Office and the Erie County Sheriff's Office are both providers of these services. Do they have to answer the question on Appendix A listing "all Erie County employees," as well as Appendix C (Board of Directors, last audit and management letter)?	No. The ECDA and ECSO are exempt from these items. ALL of their employees are Erie County employees, and they would not have a Board of Directors or an audit to provide.

The informational meeting was held on 6/4/2024 at 11:30 am via WEBEX.