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Section 1

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To:	Local District Commissioners
Issuing Division/Office:	OTDA Division of Employment and Transitional Supports
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Subject:	Additional TANF Funding to Support State-Administered Programs and Contracts
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Attachments:	TANF Funded State Level Contracts/Programs
Attachment Available On – Line:	√

Section 2

I. Purpose

The purpose of this LCM is to announce that \$100.9 million in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds are being made available to support the continuation of a variety of State administered programs designed to meet the employment, training and supportive service needs of low-income individuals and families. These funds represent what remains of the TANF savings generated by the continued reduction of the cash assistance caseload in New York State. This LCM identifies the specific programs that will receive funding, the extended period that these resources should encompass, and discusses the possible implications these funds will have on local Flexible Funding for Family Services (FFFS) planning decisions.

II. Background

In the past a number of provider based programs were directly funded at the State level to supplement and support local efforts. The enacted State Budget for 2006-07 did not include separate funding for many State contracts/programs. Instead, decisions regarding the most efficient and effective use of TANF resources were placed with the local districts. Using the FFFS planning process, a local district could decide to use their Combined TANF Allocation to continue these programs using the existing State level agreements, or could choose to contract directly with these provider agencies.

As the cash assistance caseload continues to decline, additional resources have been made available to fund programs which support local districts' efforts to meet new participation rate requirements and help families make the successful transition from welfare-to-work. This funding has been designated to continue programs and services that have contributed to the progress made to date, and that can help meet the challenges that lie ahead.

III. Program Implications

Attached is a list of programs that will receive additional funding, the amount to be awarded and the date that these funds should carry them through. The programs which involve State contracts will be administered by State agencies, including OTDA, OCFS, and DOH. Therefore, there will be no need for local districts to enter directly into contracts for these programs.

We understand that you may have designated part of your SFY 2006-07 Combined TANF Allocation (CTA) to continue some of these programs, and may want to reconsider this decision in light of the TANF funding that has now been made available. We have extended the deadline for submitting a new Combined TANF Allocation Plan to August 14, 2006.

In addition, within the newly released TANF funds, is \$15 million that will be made available for intensive case management to address the hardest to serve subcategories of the caseload. Additional information on this allocation will be released shortly. These specialized funds should be viewed as an add-on to your CTA allocation and therefore not influence any changes you must make to your CTA Plan by the extended August 14 deadline.

Please submit all relevant components of the plan as required by 06 ADM 08 (Attachments 2, 3, 3a, 6 and, if applicable, 7 and 8). The revised plan must be submitted via e-mail to otda.sm.dta_btp@otda.state.ny.us.

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