

# 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL

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# Our Mission

The Office for Women (OFW) is dedicated to promoting the physical, emotional, and financial well-being of all women.

We take pride in the progress made over the years with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, offering bilingual services, information and referral through the family helpline; short term counseling; Operation Talent Bank; workshops in self-sufficiency and career enhancement; safety planning; training; and other non-residential services.

The OFW chairs the Domestic Violence Council, acts as liaison to the Women's Advisory Board, and oversees the Family Justice Center.

# Recent Accomplishments

- We were awarded a Risk Reduction Enhanced Response Pilot Program grant from the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.
- We co-hosted with One Love Foundation the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual conference on best practices for responding to campus sexual violence.
- Together with Human Resources, we trained supervisors and management as well as Department of Health nurses on workplace domestic violence.
- We performed workplace safety assessments and safety planning for employees affected by domestic violence.
- We held domestic violence training for staff at residential treatment facilities.
- In October, we held our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Police Interactive Training Conference on Improving Police Response to Intimate Partner Violence and Special Populations with over 150 law enforcement personnel and service providers in attendance.
- This is our 11<sup>th</sup> year overseeing the Her Honor Mentoring Program with 60 mentees – high school seniors, all young women, and 60 mentors.

# 2018 Community Initiatives

- With the Towns of Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem, Pound Ridge and Somers, including their police departments, we will operate a Northern Westchester Risk Reduction Team (NWRRT) that will train police in risk assessment, enhance response and coordinate services for victims of family violence to increase safety and offender accountability.
- We will increase outreach and coordination with colleges in Westchester to share resources available for victims of campus sexual violence.
- We will increase coordination of sexual assault services in the County working with Westchester Medical Center and other providers to ensure victims of sexual assault connect with advocates.
- We will train additional workforce on workplace domestic violence to further increase communication with Office for Women for resources and assistance.
- We will increase outreach to women seeking to get back into the workforce.
- We will work to improve access to resources for victims and their families within the New Rochelle Family Court catchment area.

# 2018 Budget Breakdown

## Categorical Breakdown

\$469,696	Personnel
\$2,000	Printing & Office Supplies
\$1,800	Postage
\$1,000	Equipment Service & Rental
\$1,000	Travel & Meals
\$1,200	Communications
\$1,025,640	Contractual Services
\$750	Programs for Women
<u>\$136,015</u>	Interdepartmental Costs
\$1,639,101	Subtotal Expenses
\$434,660	Revenues
<b>\$1,204,441</b>	<b>Total 2018 Budget Request</b>

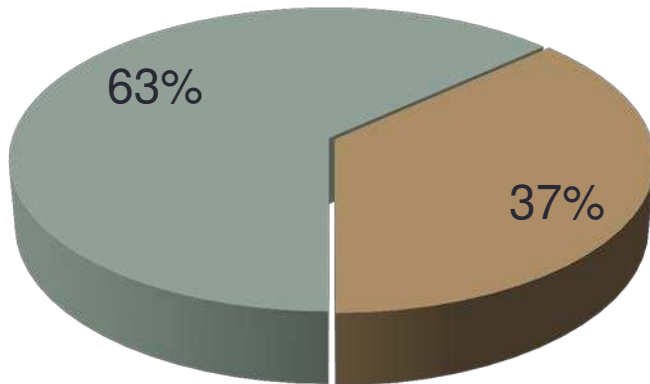
## Expense/Revenue Breakdown

\$613,461	OFW Operating
<u>\$1,025,640</u>	Contractual Operating
<b>\$1,639,101</b>	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>
\$390,526	Interdepartmental
<u>\$44,134</u>	State
<b>\$434,660</b>	<b>Total Tax Levy Revenue</b>

# 2018 Budget Breakdown (cont'd)

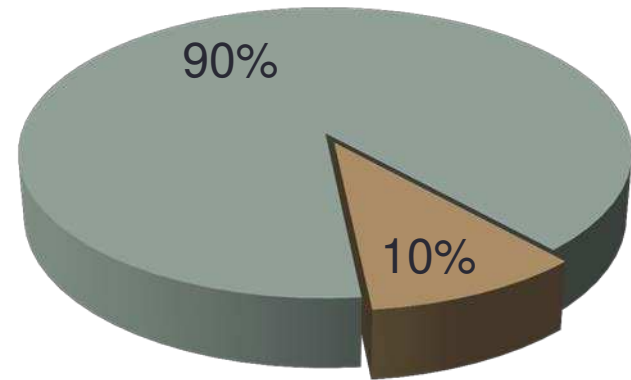
## Operating Expenses (\$1,639,101)

■ Contractual \$1,025,640    ■ OFW \$613,461



## Tax Levy Revenues (\$434,660)

■ Interdepartmental \$390,526    ■ State \$44,134



# Contractual Services

The following contractual programs are administered by OFW:

## Legal Services

- Provider TBD (RFP in process): civil legal services for immigrant and non-immigrant domestic violence victims in White Plains and Yonkers.
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley: civil legal services for the indigent as well as representation in immigration cases for victims of domestic violence in Mt. Vernon.
  - My Sisters' Place (Subcontractor): civil legal services for victims of domestic violence in Mt. Vernon.
  - Hudson Valley Justice Center (Subcontractor): legal services for immigrants in Mt. Vernon.
- Legal Services of the Hudson Valley: civil legal services for the indigent in Peekskill.
- Westchester Hispanic Coalition: various legal services for immigrants.

# Contractual Services (cont'd)

## Non-Residential Support Services for Victims of Domestic Violence

- Provider TBD (RFP in process): non-residential support services for immigrant and non-immigrant domestic violence victims; safety planning education, orientation & advocacy for victims seeking orders of protection.

## Domestic Violence Education & Training

- Provider TBD (RFP in process): school-based education in schools throughout Westchester; education, training and domestic violence expert assistance to hospitals, healthcare providers and facilities in the County; and a coordinator of training.

## Crime Victim Services

- Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP: crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence.
- Westchester Medical Center: forensic medical services to children/adolescents and adults presenting with concerns for acute sexual abuse or assault through its Forensic Acute Care Team (FACT) Program.

# Contractual Services (cont'd)

## Crime Victim Services (cont'd)

- Provider TBD (RFP in process): services to victims of sexual assault including bilingual 24/7 hotline, short-term counseling, accompaniment to appropriate resources including police stations, hospitals and other providers, comprehensive outreach and education.

## Education/Support Services

- Pace Women's Justice Center: legal helpline; attorney training to assist women and senior citizens.

## Entrepreneurial Training

- Women's Enterprise Development Center: microenterprise training and assistance to poor and minority women.

## Child Care Services

- Child Care Council of West.: assistance with quality enhancement of infant/toddler care.
- YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester: child care in White Plains Family Court.
- YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester: child care in New Rochelle Family Court.
- YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester: supervised visitation services.

# Contracts

Contractor	Sub-contractor	Program	2018 Proposed	Funding Source	Total 2018 Proposed
Child Care Council		Infant/Toddler	201,571	OFW Tax Levy	201,571
To Be Determined (previously Legal Services of the Hudson Valley with Pace Women's Justice Center and My Sisters' Place as subcontractors)		DV Civil Legal	496,672	IDCP	1,006,581
		Family Court Legal Program	370,555	IDCP	
		DV Immigrant Legal (White Plains)	17,811	OFW Tax Levy	
		DV Immigrant Legal (Yonkers)	17,811	OFW Tax Levy	
		Legal Center (Yonkers)	103,732	IDCP	
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	MSP, HVJC	Mt. Vernon Project	601,000	Misc Tax Levy	601,000
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley		Peekskill Project	108,000	Misc Tax Levy	108,000
To Be Determined (previously My Sisters' Place with Hope's Door and VAS as subcontractors)		Non-Residential DV	383,807	IDCP	599,716
		Non-Residential DV	103,059	IDCP	
		Immigrant DV Counseling	59,650	OFW Tax Levy	
		Family Abuse Court Services	53,200	IDCP	

**KEY:** IDCP = Interdepartmental Cooperative Plan w/DSS    PWJC = Pace Women's Justice Center  
 MSP = My Sisters' Place    HD = Hope's Door    HVJC = Hudson Valley Justice Center  
 VAS = Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP

# Contracts (cont'd)

Contractor	Sub-contractor	Program	2018 Proposed	Funding Source	Total 2018 Proposed
To Be Determined (previously My Sisters' Place with Hope's Door as a subcontractor)		DVEP	51,344	OFW Tax Levy	343,860
		Operation Safety	93,095	IDCP	
		Training Coordinator	72,033	OFW Tax Levy	
		STAR Program	75,156	IDCP	
Pace University (Women's Justice Center)		Women's Justice Center	66,480	OFW Tax Levy	66,480
VAS of WestCOP		Rape Crisis Program	92,712	OFW Tax Levy	92,712
Westchester Medical Center		FACT Program	107,525	OFW Tax Levy	107,525
Women's Enterprise Development Center		Entrepreneurial Training	63,432	OFW Tax Levy	63,432
YWCA		Child Care in White Plains Court	61,337	OFW Tax Levy	61,337
YWCA		Child Care in New Rochelle Court	61,702	OFW Tax Levy	61,702
YWCA		Supervised Visitation	9,626	IDCP	9,626
Westchester Hispanic Coalition		Immigrant Legal Services	100,000	OFW Tax Levy	100,000
To Be Determined (previously provided by WHC)		Bilingual Sexual Assault Services	100,000	IDCP	100,000

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VAS = Victims Assistance Services YWCA = YWCA of White Plains & Central Westchester

# Grant Collaborations

Ongoing collaborations include OFW participation in one federally-funded grant through the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women and one state-funded grant through the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

## **Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (2014-2018):**

County is the grantee with several partners including Pace Women's Justice Center, Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale, Greenburgh Police Department, Victims Assistance Services of WestCOP and the DA's Office. The purpose is to enhance training and services to address elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including sexual assault, domestic/dating violence or stalking, involving victims who are 50 years of age or older.

## **Risk Reduction Enhanced Response (RRER) Pilot Program (2017-2019):**

County is the grantee with several partners including Hope's Door, Pace Women's Justice Center, the DA's Office, Probation Department, and five Northern Westchester towns: Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem, Pound Ridge and Somers. The purpose is to help prevent intimate partner related homicide.