DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Administration for Children and Families **Administration on Children, Youth and Families**1250 Maryland Avenue, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20024

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Dear RHY Grantee,

In fiscal year 2013, in accordance with the Budget Control act of 2011, a series of spending cuts known as sequestration canceled approximately \$85 billion in budgetary resources across the Federal government for the remainder of the fiscal year. The reductions were spread throughout the Federal government, to include impacting the amount of available funding the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) had available to support Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) programs, like yours.

With the intent of reversing some of the adverse effects of sequestration, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 provided the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Administration for Children and Families (ACF) with resources for FYSB to restore a portion of the funding withheld from the RHY grantees impacted by sequestration in 2013. Specifically, new Basic Center Program (BCP) and Transitional Living Program (TLP) grant recipients from fiscal year 2012, receiving continuation funding in fiscal year 2013, and new BCP and TLP grant recipients in fiscal year 2013 will receive an approximately 6.4 percent increase in funding from the amount requested in fiscal year 2014, while Street Outreach grantees will receive an approximately 3 percent increase.

For those grantees whose fiscal year 2014 continuation funding has already been processed, you will be notified of supplemental award funding in the coming months. For those grantees submitting continuation funding applications in the coming weeks, the additional funding will be added to the amount you requested.

I am pleased that FYSB can share this positive news with you, and I have no doubt the additional resources will be put to good use as we continue to provide much needed services to runaway and homeless youth.

Should you have any questions about the restoration of sequestrated funds, please follow up directly with your RHY Program Specialist. Thank you for your continued work supporting our nation's youth.

Sincerely,

William H. Bentley

Associate Commissioner

Family and Youth Services Bureau