

**Sample Email To Governor Re: FY 2020 – 2021 Budget**  
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**SUBJECT: FY '20 –'21 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING**

Dear Governor Cuomo,

I am writing to you today as a/an {advocate, program director, executive director, etc.} at {your organization}.

Thank you for acknowledging in your FY'20-'21 Executive Budget that there is a need for a new flexible funding model for New York's domestic violence service providers so we can better assist and empower domestic violence survivors and their families. Transforming New York's antiquated domestic violence service delivery system is critical to ensuring victims and their families receive the support they need immediately and without conditions. I support your \$5 million allocation for a flexible funding model pilot program and am urging the Assembly and Senate to maintain this funding in their one-house budget resolutions.

More funding is needed, however, to ensure that no one who is asking for shelter or other domestic violence services is ever turned away.

I also urge you to support these budget requests:

1. An increase in funding for non-residential domestic violence services to \$6 million. The funding is at the same level it was 20 years ago when it was first proposed.
2. \$150,000 in the State Budget to strengthen NYSCADV's efforts to provide statewide training and technical assistance to domestic violence service providers.
3. \$4 million for primary prevention initiatives focused on stopping violence before it begins.

Please review the enclosed letter, which contains more information about these proposed investments.

**I urge you to support increases to critical funding in the budget to ensure domestic violence survivors and their families receive the support they need to stay safe.**

Thank you!