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Department of Social Services

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DATE: April 23, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin P. Mahon
Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. to operate a shelter for up to ten (10) single homeless women/mothers with infants and four (4) small families at a facility known as the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers located at 87 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$184,910 to be paid monthly at an approximated per diem of \$42.22 pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

The County of Westchester requests authorization to enter into an agreement with the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. to operate a shelter for up to ten (10) single homeless women/mothers with infants and four (4) small families at a facility known as the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers located at 87 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$184,910 to be paid monthly at an approximated per diem of \$42.22 pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. **There has been a 10% reduction in the amount requested from that of last year.**

The **public purpose** of the program is to provide immediate emergency shelter to eligible homeless single women and mothers with infants in the County of Westchester. The Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers program will provide 24-hour supervision, shelter, shared kitchen facilities, counseling as well as supportive services, including assistance in finding permanent housing, assistance with seeking and obtaining employment and casework services. These services are aimed at improving the quality of life of the homeless population in the County.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement are as follows:

- to provide shelter to homeless single women/families
- to provide supportive services that include helping single women and mothers with infants to find permanent housing and employment to support the transition from welfare to economic independence

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interest of the County in terms of public health and public safety** as they are aimed at ensuring and enhancing the health and safety of the targeted population.

- The County enhances public safety by providing shelter for vulnerable single women and mothers with infants
- This program creates a safe haven for homeless women.

- Housing women and children will reduce the risk of their becoming victims of crime and developing general health related issues that result from not having appropriate shelter
- Eligible homeless families will receive direct support services, employment and training, weekly case management sessions, life skills workshops and transportation, in addition to linkages to programs to address their medical and mental health needs

The goals and objectives are in the County's **best interest in terms of fiscal responsibility** as they are designed to assist single women/motherw with children and small families in transitioning off welfare and thereby lower the costs associated with public assistance. This population will no longer be a burden to the County or taxpayers once they become employed and economically independent. The negotiated rate between the Department and the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers is the most competitive rate for similar services.

Failure to provide this service would result in the County being out of compliance with NYS laws and regulations requiring the provision of emergency housing for the needy.

Without this program, the Department will have a reduced capacity to house single women and mothers with small infants. Further, the Department's permanent capacity to provide homeless shelter placements will be reduced since its ability to open new homeless shelters is limited.

The **goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored** using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. The contractor is required to submit to the Department quarterly statistical reports on all activities related to the program.

The **Department is able to report that the vendor's Performance Measurement Indicators** reflect that the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers shelter program met its goal of housing eligible customers referred by the Department. The facility accepted 100% appropriate referrals during 2009 - 2010 contract period. This program effectively provided shelter and supportive services for 27 single women and mothers with infants. As of 3/31/10, this program achieved the following outcomes:

- Average Length of Stay for all customers: 539 days
- 5 or 19% of customers secured permanent housing

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) (xiv).

Therefore, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into an agreement with the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION CONTRACT # 2010 - JOMAR VEIRA, SUPERVISOR

R E S O L U T I O N

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Social Services; be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. to operate a shelter program for up to ten (10) single homeless women/mothers with children and four (4) small families at a facility known as the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers located at 87 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$184,910 to be paid monthly at an approximated per diem of \$42.22 pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Contract is subject to County Appropriation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release (s) or adoption (s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any document necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2010	101	22	8900	5860	_____	\$92,455
2011	101	22	8900	5860	_____	\$92,455

Budget Funding Year(s): 2010-2011 Start Date: 7/1/10 End Date: 6/30/11
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 50%
State Aid: 50%
Federal Aid: _____
Other _____

\$184,910

(must match resolution)