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October 27, 2010

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Mary Kate Cabaleiro, Coordinator
Westchester County Youth Bureau

RE: Authority to enter into an Agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. to operate the Young Leaders of Tomorrow program for the period April 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not to exceed \$40,000

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. to operate the Young Leaders of Tomorrow Program for the period April 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in a total amount not to exceed \$40,000, subject to appropriation and pursuant to an approved individual budget.

The Young Leaders of Tomorrow program is providing structured support for Mt. Vernon boys ages 13 – 17, that includes resiliency practices and skills training in a specific format designed to promote boys and young men's safe, strong and healthy passage through teen and adolescent years. Boys and young men are gaining a vital opportunity to address perceptions of what it is to be a man as well as perceptions of male behavior and are building their capacity to find their innate value and create good lives, individually and within the community.

The goals and objectives of this agreement are as follows:

- Of the 16 boys who are participating in the program, 14 of the boys at the high end of service need (who are at risk of placement, for Persons in Need of Supervision ("PINS"), discharged from care, are on probation, have been homeless, have experienced family disruption through immigration, have limited English speaking abilities and/or are members of families who have had frequent involvement in the justice system) are reporting improvement in aggressive behavior, rates of alcohol/drug use, and are increasing their ability to handle stress related to drugs/alcohol and anger management and control, as measured by a pre and post program survey.
- Of the 16 boys who are participating in the program, 14 are expressing satisfaction with the program as evidenced by their responses to questions concerning confidentiality, feeling respected, feeling that their decisions were supported, asking for help and having positive social and entrepreneurial experiences.

This Agreement is in the best interest of the County in terms of Public Safety because active gang recruitment occurs at all ages, with young recruits having fewer skills to repel recruitment activities. A 2005 Brief on Young Adult Males from the National Adolescent Health Information Center states that males ages 10 - 24 are over five times more likely to die of homicide than same-age females. Violence disproportionately affects the lives of young men. This program allows boys to have a gender-specific group which will allow a safe, protected, and focused place to address an array of harsh realities and to create healthy options for growing up male today. This program is newly funded in 2010.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)xviii thereof.

An appropriate Resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11-12-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Coordinator of the Westchester County Youth Bureau, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. to operate the Young Leaders of Tomorrow Program for the period April 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not to exceed Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars, payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; 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 Agreements. 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 that Contractor shall have the right to terminate their Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	11	0400	4380		\$40,000

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 04/01/2010

End Date: 12/31/2010

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$40,000

State Aid _____

\$40,000 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)

Other _____