

Department of Parks, Recreation  
& Conservation

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July 29, 2010

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Joseph A. Stout, Commissioner  
Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Grant E. Mitchell, MD, Acting Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

Re: Authority to amend an agreement with the Friends of Westchester County Parks, Inc. to provide for the operation and management of "Camp Morty", a sleep away camp facility for Westchester's children between the ages of 8 and 15 who are under the care of the Department of Social Services, to be located at the Sal J. Prezioso Mountain Lakes Park, North Salem, New York in order to increase the amount of the agreement from \$350,000 to \$425,000

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On May 20, 2010, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Friends of Westchester County Parks, Inc. ("Friends of Parks"), a not for profit corporation located at 25 Moore Avenue, Mt. Kisco, New York 10549 to provide for the operation and management of a sleep away camp facility known as Camp Morty, for the period June 15, 2010 to December 31, 2010. Funding for the operation and management of Camp Morty was provided through the Westchester County Department of Social Services. The agreement was subsequently executed.

The Department of Social Services has informed the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation that it will provide an additional \$75,000 to supplement the Camp Morty budget, that has not had an increase since 2008. This additional money will be paid to the Friends of Westchester County Parks, Inc. to be used towards increased staff, food and transportation costs and for the enhancement of programs and services offered to the children attending Camp Morty. Therefore, authority is now requested to amend the agreement with Friends of Westchester County Parks, Inc. in order to increase the amount of the agreement from \$350,000 to \$425,000. Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

The goal of this agreement is to help promote the public health of boys and girls ages 8-15 who are under the care of the Department of Social Services and offer them an opportunity to participate in a positive outdoor camping/recreational experience in a summer residential camp. Camp Morty provides a place where the County's most needy children can have a reprieve from their mostly urban homes. It also addresses the issue of the declining

amount of time today's children spend exploring the wonders of nature. Each summer, Camp Morty will afford children the unique opportunity to grow and expand their horizons in a natural setting, while at the same time encourage curiosity, physical fitness, self confidence and self esteem.

The program will be tracked and monitored by Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation staff through daily inspections of the facilities and the programs. In addition, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation and the Department of Social Services will work closely on the planning and implementation of the camp program to ensure sound fiscal management, diverse programming and quality childcare.

A resolution is attached for your consideration.

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## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation and the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Friends of Westchester County Parks, Inc. ("Friends of Parks"), 25 Moore Avenue, Mt. Kisco, New York 10549 to provide for the operation and management of Camp Morty, a sleep away camp facility for Westchester's children between the ages of 8 and 15 who are under the care of the Department of Social Services, to be located at Sal J. Prezioso Mountain Lakes Park, North Salem, New York in order to increase the total not to exceed amount by \$75,000 from a total not to exceed amount of \$350,000 to a new total not to exceed \$425,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the additional funding for the operation and management of Camp Morty will be provided through the Westchester County Department of Social Services; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain the same; 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 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 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 a reasonable prior notice; and it be further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution.

Original Agreement      \$350,000  
**This Amendment**      **\$ 75,000**  
TOTAL                        \$425,000

Agreement #

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	42	809K	4380	T809	\$75,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010      Start Date: N/A    End Date: N/A  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source      Tax Dollars      38%  
                                 State Aid      39%  
\$ 75,000      Federal Aid      23%  
(must match resolution)  
                                 Other      \_\_\_\_\_

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