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Date: July 21, 2011

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Hon. Kenneth W. Jenkins, Chairman
Westchester County Board of LegislatorsRe: **Authority to enter into an Agreement with the Westchester Arts Council, Inc. (“WAC”), pursuant to which WAC will provide cultural services, including art therapies, to Westchester residents who have disabilities and other special needs, for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000**

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”) to enter into an Agreement with the Westchester Arts Council, Inc. (“WAC”), pursuant to which WAC will provide cultural services, including art therapies, to Westchester residents who have disabilities and other special needs, for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, payable one-half upon contract execution and approval of the same by the office of the Westchester County Attorney and one-half upon submission and acceptance of an interim written report by WAC to the Chairman of the Board of Legislators, with a copy to the County Executive’s office, on January 15, 2012.

WAC will seek proposals on behalf of County residents who have disabilities and other special needs, including but not limited to art therapies, from at least 35 not-for-profit cultural organizations in Westchester that provide services to people with special needs. Arts Westchester will review the proposals from these cultural organizations, issue subcontracts to the selected organizations and monitor the delivery. In addition, pursuant to this proposed agreement, WAC will extend its agreements with the Music Conservatory of Westchester and Heart Song for an additional year for the provision of music therapy services to children and teenagers with disabilities at a reduced amount.

The objective of the Agreement is in the County’s best interest because it will remove barriers to arts participation for people with special needs due to cognitive, developmental, physical or psychological disabilities. The success of the Program will be the participation of at least 900 County residents with special needs who will engage in music therapy, arts and/or cultural activities provided by the sub-contractors and monitored by WAC. The Agreement’s progress shall be tracked by direct reporting of the results to the County by WAC.

This procurement is exempt from the requirements of the County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3 (a)(xiii) thereof .

Accordingly, I recommend and urge your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed Resolution.

KWJ/jpi

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Hon. Kenneth W. Jenkins, Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester Arts Council, Inc. ("WAC"), pursuant to which WAC will provide cultural services, including art therapies, to Westchester residents who have disabilities and other special needs, for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, payable one-half upon contract execution and approval of the same by the office of the Westchester County Attorney and one-half upon submission and acceptance of an interim written report by WAC to the Chairman of the Board of Legislators on January 15, 2012, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 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 the Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Service Provider, then the Service Provider shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	52	2010	5100		\$150,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011 Start Date 7/1/11 End Date 6/30/12
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$150,000

State Aid _____

\$ \$150,000 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution)

Other _____

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