



**Office of the District Attorney
County of Westchester**

MEMORANDUM

August 26, 2011

21330

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS
BOARD OF ACQUISITION AND CONTRACT

FROM: JANET DiFIORE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO:

- 1) ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF VICTIMS SERVICES TO ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$223,438 FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE VARIOUS SERVICES TO ASSIST CRIME VICTIMS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET; AND
- 2) SUBCONTRACT WITH ELIZABETH BUSSIAN PSYCHOTHERAPY P.C FOR THE PROVISION OF PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES TO CRIME VICTIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,295 FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET.

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Victims Services ("OVS") to accept a grant (the "Grant") in the amount of \$223,438 in state and federal pass through funds for the District Attorney's Office to provide various services to assist crime victims for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. Pursuant to the terms of the Grant, the County will be required to contribute \$75,458 in matching funds towards this program.

Authority is also sought to enter into an agreement with Elizabeth Bussian Psychotherapy, LCSW P.C. for the provision of psychotherapy services to crime victims in an amount not-to-exceed \$63,295, payable pursuant to an approved budget, for the term October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

The goal of the Office of Victims Services Grant is to continue to provide a centralized, accessible crime victims' assistance unit within the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. This unit provides all direct services and benefits offered by the OVS. These services include compensation claim assistance, on-site counseling, and follow-up contact with victims, criminal justice support and advocacy and personal advocacy to victims.

The public purpose of the OVS Grant is to protect and extend the rights and needs of all innocent victims of crime in New York State. Funding from the OVS Grant also expands and facilitates the coordination of services and assistance available from federal, state and local government agencies as well as other agencies, shelters and organizations.

These agreements will be monitored by the adherence to the work plan outlined by OVS which will be documented in the quarterly fiscal and programmatic reports submitted to OVS.

The agreement with OVS to accept the grant funds does not constitute a procurement and as such is not subject to the requirements of the County Procurement Policy. The Agreement with Elizabeth Bussian Psychotherapy, LCSW P.C. is exempt from the Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3 (a) viii thereof which, inter alia, exempts contracts for the services of social workers and psychiatric workers.

Accordingly, your Board's approval of the attached resolution is most respectfully requested.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/22/2011
SOMAR VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the District Attorney, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Victim Services (“OVS”) to accept a grant in the amount of \$223,438 for the District Attorney’s Office to provide various services to assist crime victims for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the grant agreement with OVS, the County shall contribute \$75,458 in matching funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is further authorized to enter into an agreement with Elizabeth Bussian Psychotherapy LCSW P.C. (the “Contractor”) for psychotherapy services for crime victims for the term October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 in an amount not-to-exceed \$63,295, payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the agreement with the Contractor (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 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 District Attorney or her duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

