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DATE: February 29, 2012

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 Services of Westchester, Inc. to operate a positive youth development program, for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, for a total amount not to exceed \$623,079 payable pursuant to an approved budget

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Family Services of Westchester, Inc. to operate a positive youth development program for the program period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014 in a total amount not to exceed \$623,079, pursuant to an approved budget. Funding for this program will be provided by the County in the amount of \$405,000 and by the agency in the amount of \$218,079.

Funding will be allocated across the program components as listed in the chart below. Funding per year will not exceed the amounts set forth below or is considered interchangeable amongst the components.

Family Services of Westchester, Inc. Positive Youth Development Program Components	Funding Year	County Funding	Agency Match	Total Agreement Amount
Big Brother Big Sister	2012	\$45,000	\$24,231	
	2013	\$45,000	\$24,231	
	2014	\$45,000	\$24,231	
Total Component Amount		\$135,000	\$72,693	\$207,693
Junior Youth Council	2012	\$45,000	\$24,231	
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Senior Youth Council	2012	\$45,000	\$24,231	
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TOTALS:		\$405,000	\$218,079	\$623,079

The Youth Development Program will consist of three components which are described as follows:

Big Brothers Big Sisters

This component will serve 91 youth ages 7 to 13 and 14 to 21. For the 7 to 13 year olds, the component is designed to address healthy relationships by making available citizenship/civic engagement services, opportunities and supports by providing a safe place out of school time. For the 14 to 21 year olds, the component is designed to address dropout rates by making available education services, opportunities and supports by providing dropout prevention services.

Planned Outcome (7 to 13 yr. olds):

Of the 15 youth enrolled in the component, 9 will improve their understanding and develop positive peer interactions as measured by their increased socialization skills with parents/peers. This is evidenced by the Strength of Relationship Surveys, Youth Outcome Surveys and Pre/Post Prevention/Awareness Workshop Questionnaires, Mentees/Littles will proactively establish a positive social network with which to empower themselves as role models with their school and community work as demonstrated by increased self-esteem and self-confidence.

Planned Outcome (14 to 21 yr. olds):

Of the 76 students enrolled in the component, 39 will stay in school until successful completion as measured by improvement in their academic standing, grades, improved attendance and positive attitude about school and their ability to impact on their own futures. This is evidenced in student report cards, school attendance, grades, Strength of Relationship Surveys, Youth Outcome Surveys and Pre/Post Prevention/Awareness Workshop Questionnaires, and through consistent interaction with their Bigs, Littles will share and discuss concerns, ideas and strategies they want to learn in order to prepare for continued success and graduation.

Junior Youth Council

This component will serve 30 youth ages 7 to 13. The component is designed to address out of school time by making available citizenship/civic engagement services, opportunities and supports by providing community service/youth activism projects, cultural service, a safe place out of school time and youth leadership/empowerment.

Planned Outcome:

40 youth enrolled in the component will be free from health risk behaviors (substance use, poor nutrition, unsafe sexual behaviors) as measured by improved results on the Youth Council pre/post-tests, surveys, and the Member Progress form.

Senior Youth Council

This component will serve 50 youth ages 14 to 21. The component is designed to address risky behaviors by making available optimal physical and emotional health services, opportunities and supports by providing alcohol/substance abuse education, health education, pregnancy prevention, and self-esteem workshops.

Planned Outcome:

40 youth enrolled in the component will be free from health risk behaviors (substance use, poor nutrition, unsafe sexual behaviors) as measured by improved results on the Youth Council pre/post tests, surveys and the Member Progress Form.

The outcomes as stated above will be tracked and monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual reports, Report Cards and by bi-yearly site visits from Youth Bureau Program Monitors.

These three components were previously funded in the last round of funding for 2009 – 2011. The outcomes from that funding cycle are as follows:

Big Brother Big Sister:

Outcome:

Of the 76 children participating in the program, 60 children have improved in their socialization skills as measured by the Youth Outcome Survey.

Outcome:

Of the 76 children participating in the program, 60 have shown improvement in school attendance and report card grades as measured by report cards..

Outcome:

Of the 60 school based children participating in program, 45 youth have participated in workshops and have improved their knowledge of personal health issues: These workshops or group activities are as follows: Drug Awareness, Child Safety and Healthy Eating addressing Obesity as measured by pre/post surveys.

In 2011 the Senior and Junior components were considered one program, sharing outcomes.

Youth Council:

Of the 44 youth who participated in the Westchester County Youth Councils, 43 engaged in community service projects that promoted leadership development, volunteerism, and civic engagement as measured by the Youth Council evaluation tools and program updates.

Of the 44 youth who participated in the Westchester County Youth Councils, 20 improved their public speaking skills through participation in advocacy-related initiatives as measured by the Youth Council evaluation tools and program updates.

Of the 44 youth who participated in the Westchester County Youth Councils, 41 improved their ability to raise awareness and organize events that reduce at-risk behaviors among adolescents and promote healthy lifestyle choices.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)xviii thereof. Nevertheless, in 2011 the Youth Bureau issued an RFP to cover the program years 2012 – 2014. This agency is one of 39 agencies that submitted a proposal in response to the RFP. After careful evaluation, the agency listed above was selected by the Youth Bureau for funding as part of the Youth Bureau's Resource Allocation Plan. The agency has agreed to be bound by the proposal they submitted for the full three-year period.

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

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 Services of Westchester, Inc. to provide a positive youth development program, for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, in a total amount not to exceed Six Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Seventy Nine (\$623,079) Dollars payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding will be allocated across the program components as listed in the chart below. Funding per year will not exceed the amounts set forth below or is considered interchangeable amongst the components;

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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. code	Unit #	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
<u>2012</u>	101	11	0400	4380		\$135,000
<u>2013</u>	101	11	0400	4380		\$135,000
<u>2014</u>	101	11	0400	4380		\$135,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012-14 Start Date January 1, 2012 End Date December 31, 2014
(must match resolution)

2012 Funding Source Tax Dollars \$135,000
\$ 207,693 Other \$72,693 (provided by the agency)
(must match resolution)

2013 Funding Source Tax Dollars \$135,000
\$ 207,693 Other \$72,693 (provided by the agency)
(must match resolution)

2014 Funding Source Tax Dollars \$135,000
\$ 207,693 Other \$72,693 (provided by the agency)
(must match resolution)

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 04/05/2012 - JOHNNY VIEIRA SECRETARY