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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 the Jewish Council of Yonkers, Inc. to operate the School Readiness program for the program period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014 in a total amount not to exceed \$207,693

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with the Jewish Council of Yonkers, Inc. to operate the School Readiness Program for the program period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014 in a total amount not to exceed \$207,693, pursuant to an approved budget. Funding for this program will be provided by the County in the amount of \$135,000 and by the agency in the amount of \$72,693. The funding amount per year will not exceed \$69,231, comprised of \$45,000 of County funding and \$24,231 agency match.

This program will serve 402 youth ages 0 to 6. The program is designed to address school readiness by making available education related services, opportunities and supports by providing academic/education related services and basic literacy support.

Outcome:

360 out of 402 children, ages 3-6, enrolled in the literacy program will meet or exceed high standards for academic performance and demonstrate knowledge and skills for lifelong learning and self-sufficiency in a dynamic world as measured by improvement of reading scores based on pre and post Diagnostic Reading Assessment Tests and mentor evaluation and observation for the kindergartners, and the number of completed reading packets distributed to the pre-schoolers as well as mentor observation.

The outcome 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.

This program was previously funded in 2011. Please see outcomes below:

Of the 272 youth who participated in the SMART: Students and Mature Adults Read Together program, 75.59% achieved improved self-confidence and attitude by 100% as measured by the End of Year Evaluation surveys conducted by our Director of Volunteer Services and completed by each student's mentor after a full school year of consistent mentoring with that child.

Of the 272 youth who participated in the SMART (Students and Mature Adults Read Together) program, 95 or 34.9% improved/achieved their reading skills by at least 5 points as measured by a pre/post test, the Developmental Reading Assessment administered by each student's classroom teacher.

Note: Due to the school year calendar, Pre and Post DRA test scores were obtained for 95 out of 272 students that participated in the SMART program and the average increase in their scores was 5.53.

Of the 561 youth who participated in the Summer Reading Buddies program, 343 achieved the completion of their Summer Reading assignments from their school district by 100% as measured by the final reports provided by their Mentors in the Summer Reading Buddies program.

Note: 272 youth participated in the SMART program

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.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 04/05/2012 - SMART YOUTH BUREAU 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 the Jewish Council of Yonkers, Inc. to operate the School Readiness Program for the program period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014 in a total amount not to exceed Two Hundred Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three (\$207,693) Dollars, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding amount per year will not exceed Sixty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty One (\$69,231) Dollars per year, inclusive of County funding and Agency match requirement; 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.

	Fund	Dept. code	Unit #	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Account to be charged/credited						
<u>2012</u>	101	11	0400	4380		\$45,000
<u>2013</u>	101	11	0400	4380		\$45,000
<u>2014</u>	101	11	0400	4380		\$45,000

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

2012 Funding Source Tax Dollars \$45,000
\$ 69,231 Other \$24,231 (provided by the agency)
 (must match resolution)

2013 Funding Source Tax Dollars \$45,000
\$ 69,231 Other \$24,231 (provided by the agency)
 (must match resolution)

2014 Funding Source Tax Dollars \$45,000
\$ 69,231 Other \$24,132 (provided by the agency)
 (must match resolution)