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March 7, 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 Congregations Linked in Urban Strategy to Effect Renewal, Inc. to operate the Study Buddy 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 Congregations Linked in Urban Strategy to Effect Renewal, Inc. to operate the Study Buddy 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 30 youths ages 14-21. The program is designed to address unemployment, lack of job/career/college readiness skills by making available economic security and self-sufficiency services, opportunities and support by providing job training, resume and job assistance, college exploration and work readiness.

Planned Outcome: 26 of the 30 youths enrolled will have the skills, attitudes and competences to enter college, the workforce or other meaningful activities as measured by pre/post tests, comments on quarterly reports and report cards regarding attendance and work performance and worksite and volunteer supervisors evaluations.

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 30 youths participating in the program, 24 demonstrated an increase in grade point average (an additional 4 participants maintaining honor roll status), with all 12 of the high school seniors applying to accredited 4 year colleges/ university.

Of the 30 youths who took part in the Study Buddy program, 24 received "good" or better on their respective performance evaluations with the remaining 6 maintaining excellent reports. According to guidance counselors and teachers (when applicable) 23 participants demonstrated a more positive and optimistic outlook on their future goals.

Of the 30 participants in the Study Buddy program, 25 identified five additional career options along with post secondary private and public colleges and universities. The remaining five identified trade, technical as well as the armed forces as career options.

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 - JOMARY MERRA 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 Congregations Linked in Urban Strategy to Effect Renewal, Inc. to operate the Study Buddy 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 \$24,231 (provided by the agency)
 (must match resolution)