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DATE: June 26, 2013

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with ten (10) entities, to provide summer youth employment programs for economically disadvantaged youth through funding by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program for the period May 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 and for an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$326,210.00

Attached for your consideration is a resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services on behalf of its Office of Workforce Investment (the "Department"), to enter into ten (10) agreements with the ten (10) below listed entities to provide summer youth employment programs (the "programs") to economically disadvantaged youth under 21 years of age through funding by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance ("OTDA") for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ("TANF") 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program (the "SYEP") for a term May 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 and for a total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$326,210.00 (the "Agreements").

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

The ten (10) entities and the individual funding amounts for Agreements shall be as follows:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
1. City of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau	\$42,000.00
2. City of New Rochelle Youth Bureau	\$28,800.00
3. City of Peekskill Youth Bureau	\$42,000.00
4. City of White Plains Youth Bureau	\$28,800.00
5. Jewish Board of Family & Children Services, Inc.	\$22,610.00
6. SER of Westchester, Inc.	\$24,000.00
7. Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.	\$54,000.00
8. Westhab, Inc.	\$28,800.00
9. The Children's Village, Inc.	\$28,800.00
10. Thomas H. Slater Center	<u>\$26,400.00</u>
Total	\$326,210.00

Regarding funding for the programs, the County received \$383,077.00 in New York State (the "State") funds from OTDA which OTDA directly allocated for the program. As noted above, \$326,210.00 will be allocated to fund these agreements. The balance of the funds will be utilized by the (DSS) Westchester Workforce Investment Board to administer the program.

Though the programs are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy (the "Policy") pursuant to Policy Section 3 (a) xviii, the Department, in any event, issued a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for the programs on May 3, 2013; receiving twelve (12) proposals in response thereto with Ten (10) selected as identified above.

The services provided pursuant to the Agreements shall **serve a public purpose** by assisting TANF eligible youth in the County to secure paid summer employment for no less than six (6) weeks.

The **goals and objectives** of the Agreements are to place eligible youth from low income households in subsidized employment to provide them with practical work experience and offer them opportunities to use their talents and learn more about the workplace.

The **goals and objectives** of the Agreements are in the **County's** best interests regarding **fiscal responsibility** because the participating youth will earn an average of \$870.00 during the term of the Agreements which they will use to address their immediate financial needs.

The **goals and objectives** of the Agreements are also in the County's best interest regarding **public safety** because the participating youth are less likely to engage in negative social behavior.

The Department shall **track and monitor** the **goals and objectives** of the Agreements via bi-weekly reports submitted by each of the ten (10) listed entities' program staff and through a review of customer case records data. Success and failure of the Agreements will be measured against the following:

1. The successful registration of at least two hundred seventy one (271) youth in the programs, and
2. Eighty percent (80%) of youth enrolled in the SYEP will successfully complete six (6) weeks of employment.

A resolution requesting same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

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Budget Funding Year(s) 2013
(must match resolution)

Start Date: May 1, 2013 End Date: Sept. 30, 2013

Funding Source:

Tax Dollars:

State Aid: 100%

Federal Aid:

\$ 326,210.00

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Other:

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