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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: August 28, 2013

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains & Central Westchester to provide a supervised visitation program in order to extend the term of the agreement an additional four months, and to increase the amount of the agreement by \$3,025, from an amount not-to-exceed \$9,074 to an amount not-to-exceed \$12,099

The County of Westchester, through its Office for Women, entered into an agreement dated on or about October 5, 2012 with Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains & Central Westchester (the "YWCA") for the provision of supervised visitation services for the term September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 at a cost not-to-exceed \$9,074 (the "Agreement"). Authority is currently being requested to extend the Agreement an additional four months from September 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and to increase the amount of the agreement by \$3,025, from an amount not-to-exceed \$9,074 to an amount not-to-exceed \$12,099. The Agreement was approved as a "short-form" therefore prior approval of your Honorable Board had not been required.

Pursuant to the proposed amendment, the YWCA will provide supervised visitation at the YWCA located in White Plains and at the YWCA of Yonkers. Supervised visitation is often court ordered in cases where there are allegations of domestic violence, child abuse, child sexual abuse, mental illness and substance abuse. The goal of supervised visitation is to maintain or establish relationships between non-custodial parents and their children in order to ensure their physical and emotional safety during and after the court process. This program has successfully been conducted by the YWCA for the past 17 years. This amendment is being requested in order for the Agreement to extend for a calendar year term beginning in 2014.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed agreement will serve a public purpose by offering court ordered supervised visitation in a manner that assures both the emotional and physical safety of the children involved.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are for the YWCA to serve approximately 40 children and their families during the full sixteen-month contract term.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Westchester County Office for Women, which will be responsible for monitoring YWCA's performance under this Agreement through their monthly statistics and quarterly narrative. The effectiveness of this program will be determined by referral and follow-up for families as well as through YWCA reports to the County and to the court.

This proposed amendment agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy Section 3 (a) (xviii), which exempts contracts for the "advancement of the moral, physical, mental and social well being of the youth of Westchester County".

Accordingly, I recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/18/2013 - JOMAR VEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the agreement dated on or about October 5, 2012 with the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains & Central Westchester (the "YWCA") for the provision of supervised visitation services for the term September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 at a cost not-to-exceed \$9,074 (the "Agreement"), is hereby amended to extend the Agreement an additional four months from the term September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 to the revised term September 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013, and to increase the amount of the agreement by \$3,025, from an amount not-to-exceed \$9,074 to an amount not-to-exceed \$12,099; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any and all instruments and take all actions reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution.

Original Agreement:	\$9,074
This Amendment:	<u>3,025</u>
TOTAL	\$12,099

Account to be charged/credited:

FUND	DEPT	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year
263	11	111N	4380	T111	\$3,025	2013

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

Start Date: 9/1/2013 **End Date:** 12/31/2013

\$3,025
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$1,936
 State Aid \$696
 Federal Aid \$393
 Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/19/2013 - JONATHAN WYRA, SECRETARY