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Department of Social Services

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38101

Date: January 22, 2014

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Re: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Family Service Society of Yonkers for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for the provision of programs and services for eligible children and youth in Westchester County who are exiting foster care and entering into adoptive or kinship care in an amount not to exceed \$185,000 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Family Service Society of Yonkers to provide, through their Westchester Family Center, programs and services for eligible children and youth in Westchester County exiting foster care who are now living with or about to be placed with TANF-eligible adoptive families or kinship caregivers, or who came to live with kinship caregivers instead of being placed in foster care. The target population is TANF eligible as they are under 200% poverty level. However, the services provided are preventive services to these families and the outcome is that the kids in these families are prevented from re-entering or entering into Foster Care. These expenses are claimed on Social Services Block Grant under <200% FPL column and therefore this contract is exempt from the application of the Common Grant Rule. (<200% FPL means "Less than 200% Federal Poverty Level - at this income they are called TANF eligible; Claiming schedules identify the expense which is <200% FPL and other in separate columns)

The term of this agreement shall be from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$185,000 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

The assistance offered pursuant to this proposed agreement serves a **public purpose** as it provides preventive programs and support for eligible children and youth in Westchester County who are exiting foster care and entering into adoptive or kinship care.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement are to stabilize adoption and kinship placements and prevent post-adoptive dissolutions and re-entry to care.

These **goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County regarding fiscal responsibility** in that they promote a successful transition from foster care to independence, from assistance through adoptive family care and kinship care.

The **goals and objectives are monitored** through monthly reports from Family Service Society of Yonkers which are received and reviewed by the contract/program monitor. The program office is responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the program based on the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office.

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) xviii.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is requesting authority to enter into an agreement with the Family Service Society of Yonkers for the above said purpose.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your approval.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 02/27/2014 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Family Service Society of Yonkers for the provision of programs and services for eligible youth and children in Westchester County exiting foster care and entering into adoptive or kinship care for the term from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$185,000 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Contract is subject to County Appropriation; 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 Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State budget and/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 budget(s) 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 the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is empowered 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	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2014	101	22	8900	5960	_____	\$185,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2014
(Must match resolution)
Funding Source

Start Date: 1/1/2014 End Date: 12/31/2014

\$185,000
(Must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: 32 %
State Aid: 47%
Federal Aid: 21%
Other: