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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: March 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. by and through its Victims Assistance Services Program to provide, through its Rape Crisis Program, crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence, by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$2,622

On June 28, 2012, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. by and through its Victims Assistance Services Program ("WestCOP") pursuant to which WestCOP agreed to provide, through its Rape Crisis Program, crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence, for a term January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014, for an amount not-to-exceed \$262,170 (the "Agreement") to be paid pursuant to an approved budget. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to amend the Agreement by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$2,622, from an amount not-to-exceed \$262,170 to an amount not-to-exceed \$264,792 pursuant to an approved budget.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all of the other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain the same.

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by providing additional funding to promote public safety by providing immediate crisis intervention to rape victims as well as services and support to children who witness violence, including domestic violence and sexual assault.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is to provide additional funding for WestCOP to maintain a 24-hour Rape Crisis helpline; accompany rape victims through the forensic exam process; provide training in rape and sexual assault to law enforcement through the Westchester County Police Academy; provide presentations to colleges, middle and high schools; and provide education about sexual and intimate partner violence to children and teens.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution.

Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 04/03/2014 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. by and through its Victims Assistance Services Program ("WestCOP"), pursuant to which WestCOP agreed to provide, through its Rape Crisis Program, crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence, for an amount not-to-exceed \$262,170, for a term January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014 (the "Agreement"), in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$2,622, from an amount not-to-exceed \$262,170 to an amount not-to-exceed \$264,792 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this amendment is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this amendment 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 amendment. 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 WestCOP, then WestCOP shall have the right to terminate the agreement as amended upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be charged/credited:

FUND	DEPT	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$2,622	2014

Budget Funding Year(s) 2014 **Start Date:** 1/1/2012 **End Date:** 12/31/2014
 (must match resolution)

\$2,622
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$2,622
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid _____
 Other _____