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DATE: March 11, 2014

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. for the provision of it's the Safe Harbor Program for the period March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in an amount not to exceed \$79,741 to be paid pursuant to an approved program budget and subject to appropriation**

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. ("Children's Village") pursuant to which Children's Village will provide its Safe Harbor Program (the "Program"), a multi-faceted approach to supporting and serving youth who have been sexually exploited for a term March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for an amount not to exceed Seventy-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty- One (\$79,741) Dollars to be paid pursuant to an approved program budget and subject to appropriation. There is an increase in the amount requested for this contract term because the Program is increasing the availability of services in anticipation a higher number of participating youth.

The public purpose of this Program is to protect and serve exploited youth, thereby promoting public safety.

The goals and objectives of the Program are to strengthen the County's ability to serve sexually exploited youth in Westchester County. The Program will run 3 group program cycles annually serving up to 8 youth in each cycle for a total of 24 youth per year.

Target Referral: The definition of sexually exploited youth is quite broad and refers to a continuum of behaviors and circumstances ranging from being sexually abused by a family member or friend to being forced into the sex trade for food, money, or shelter- to being a victim of sexual assault or trafficked. All of these youth in this program, whether they have been previously charged with a crime or not, are victims of sexual assault and child sexual abuse.

Program performance will be tracked through milestones such as:

- Youth outreach and engagement measured by youth participation, attendance and program completion.
- Youth reduced criminal behavior and/or satisfy the requirements of court or probation measured by arrest and/or probation report
- Youth involvement in pro-social positive activities including education, volunteer, employment, or recreational activity; measured by confirmation of youth participation in one of the aforementioned activities.

The Department is able to report that in 2013, through our collaboration with Children's Village and the Department of Social Services Cross systems Unit (CSU), 30 youth have been identified and confirmed as sexually exploited or are deemed at high risk of being a victim of sexual exploitation.

This agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) (xviii) as this contract is for the purpose of the providing programs for the advancement of the moral, physical, mental and social wellbeing of the youth of Westchester County.

The funding for this program is through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting authority to enter into an agreement with The Children's Village Inc. for the aforesaid purpose. An appropriate resolution is attached herewith for your Honorable Board's approval.

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 Children’s Village, Inc. for the provision of the Safe Harbor Program for the period March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for amount not to exceed Seventy- Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty- One (\$79,741) Dollars to be paid pursuant to an approved program 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 the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable 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 either to 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 hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	487P	4380	T487	\$79,741

Budget Funding Year(s):2014 Start Date: 03/01/14 End Date: 12/31/14

(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$79, 741
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars:
State Aid: 100%
Federal Aid:
Other:

APPROVED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & COUNTY OFFICIALS - 04/10/2014 SOMMA VIEIRA, SECRETARY