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County Executive

Department of Probation

Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner

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DATE: September 12, 2014

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

RE: **A.) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ACCEPT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$446,339 TO MEET THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILES PROGRAM (STSJP) FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2014 TO MARCH 31, 2015.**

B.) AUTHORITY TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES TO OPERATE THE LINKAGES PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$166,339 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2014 TO MARCH 31, 2015.

The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Probation (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYOCFS) to accept funding in the amount of \$446,339.00 to meet the County's obligations under the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

Authority is also requested to sign an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services ("WJCS") whereby WJCS will operate the Linkages Program in an amount not to exceed \$166,339, as set forth below, for the period from April 1, 2014 through March

Administrative Office

31, 2015. Of the remaining \$280,000, \$60,000 will be used by the Department to operate the Probation Juvenile Accountability Program, with the remaining \$220,000 in funding to be used for court ordered mental health evaluations and Alternative to Detention program.

- Westchester Jewish Community Services
Linkages Program
\$166,339.00
- Probation Juvenile Accountability Program \$
60,000.00
- Alternative to Detention
\$120,000.00
- Mental Health Clinical evaluations \$
80,000.00

TOTAL
\$446,339.00

Under the agreement Westchester Jewish Community Services operates the Linkages program. The Linkages Program consists of assessment services for youth who have been arrested for juvenile delinquency offense and whose cases are deemed appropriate for adjustment services. Additionally, Linkages may also do assessments on court ordered PINS Diversion cases when appropriate. Westchester County Department of Probation remains responsible for case planning and case management. Linkages will make every effort to engage families in the adjustment process to conduct assessments and provide diversion services and referrals as well as outreach to the victims. Assessments consist of clinical as well as YASI evaluations. The program was designed to serve JDs who had received appearance tickets in Westchester County. The Linkages program has served 137 youth from April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

The Department operated the Probation Juvenile Accountability Program which served youth throughout Westchester County. The youth in this program were Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) and JDs who had been adjudicated or were awaiting disposition from court on a case. The Juvenile Accountability Probation program serves 345 youth in a year, with approximately 2,500 PINS contacts and 4,000 JD contacts. Contacts include but are not limited to face to face meetings in field, school, or phone.

The Department oversees an Alternative to Detention (ATD) program where juveniles step down from secure and non-secure detention to the ATD program as they transition to community based supervision.

Lastly, the Department oversees court ordered mental health clinical evaluations for juveniles remanded to secure and non-secure detention. These clinical evaluations assist the courts in determining dispositions for these juveniles.

The outcomes were measured quarterly through collection and review of data submitted to the Chief of Planning, Research and Staff Development for the Department of Probation.

The public purpose of this contract is to prevent future delinquency, including youth violence, by working with youth before they commit a crime or engage in other delinquent behaviors. By providing services in the community, youth can stay at home with their families and continue to go to school, while still getting their needs met and saving taxpayers money.

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 agreement to accept State funding under the STSJP Program is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a)iii because it is a contract with the State of New York. The agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a)xviii because it is a contract for the "...creation and support of youth service projects and appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime..."

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the proposed annexed resolution.

RAP/LR
Enclosure

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Probation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$446,339.00 to meet the County's obligations under the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester to sign an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services ("WJCS") whereby WJCS will operate the Linkages Program in an amount not to exceed \$166,339 for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized 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
263	39	541P	9854	T541	\$ 446,339
263	39	541P	4380	T541	\$ 166,339

Budget Funding Year(s) 2014-2015 __ Start Date: April 1, 2014 End Date: March 31, 2015
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$446,339.00
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid \$446,339.00

Federal Aid _____

Other _____