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DATE: October 16, 2014

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. for the provision of its Safe Harbour Program for the period March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 by increasing the amount not to exceed by \$10,000 from an amount not to exceed \$79,741 to a new total amount not to exceed \$89,741 to be paid pursuant to an approved program budget and subject to appropriation.**

On April 10, 2014, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing 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 Harbour 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. The agreement was subsequently executed.

Authority is now requested for the County of Westchester to amend the agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. by increasing the amount not to exceed by \$10,000 from an amount not to exceed \$79,741 to a new total amount not to exceed \$89,741 to be paid pursuant to an approved program budget and subject to appropriation. The added funds will ensure the program's operation through year's end.

The public purpose of this Program is to protect and serve sexually exploited youth which in turn would promote public safety.

The goals and objectives of the Program are to strengthen the County's ability to serve sexually exploited youth in Westchester County.

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 the 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 beginning in 2013 and to the present, through our collaboration with Children's Village and the Department of Social Services Cross systems Unit (CSU), 71 youth have been identified as sexually exploited or are deemed at high risk of being victims of sexual exploitation and 24 have been officially confirmed as sexually exploited minors through NYS confirmation process.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain unchanged.

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

R E S O L U T I O N

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 amend an agreement with The Children’s Village, Inc. for the provision of the Safe Harbour Program for the period March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 by increasing the amount not to exceed by \$10,000 from an amount not to exceed \$79,741 to a new total amount not to exceed \$89,741 to be paid pursuant to an approved program budget; and be it further

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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.

Amount of the Original Agreement: \$79,741
This Amendment: \$10,000
 Total \$89,741

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	487P	4380	T487	\$10,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2014 Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$10,000
 (must match resolution)

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

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARY