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Date: October 21, 2014

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

Re: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with North American Family Institute (NAFI) for the provision of the Youth Police Initiative Program for the period September 15, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for an amount not to exceed \$80,000

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“the Department”), to enter into an agreement with North American Family Institute (NAFI) for the provision of the Youth Police Initiative (“YPI”) Program for the period September 15, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

The YPI program aligns with the Westchester County Department of Social Services’ (WCDSS) mandate to provide programs designed to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system. YPI has been effective in bringing together youth and police in a way that demonstrates to them the things they share in common as opposed to the more common initial conception of how different they are. This approach can be a helpful tool not only in bridging the age gap between youth and police, but also in helping departments be effective in working with the changing demographics many communities are seeing. This Train the Trainer version of the YPI program has two targeted populations. First, 45 to 60 youth at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system will complete the YPI training; second, a minimum of 4 community professionals

will become certified as YPI trainers who would then be available to provide additional YPI trainings throughout the county.

The services to be provided pursuant to this agreement will serve a **public purpose** by building trust between youth at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system and the police.

The **goals and objectives** of this proposed contract are to create positive interaction between at risk youth and the police officers that they are likely to encounter in their neighborhood or city.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety** because this program will enhance the youth's perception of authority, and their attitudes toward police. The police officers, in turn, will understand the goals and needs of the youth they encounter. This will improve their ability to see these youth as individuals. These changes will reduce the negative contacts between youth and police and reduce arrests. A reduction of negative contacts and arrests will result in fewer youth being involved in the juvenile justice system and/or placed in foster care through the courts as a result of a Juvenile Delinquent (JD) or Person In Need of Supervision (PINS) finding.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** because a reduction in youth placements will reduce the cost of foster care and ancillary services to these youth and their families. The positive perceptions created through the YPI training have been associated with a reduction in crime and arrests, which is positive for the community and the environment.

The **goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored using the performance measurement indicators** developed by the department. The vendor will submit monthly statistics and quarterly performance reports in the format approved by the Department. Performance Measurement Indicators are as follows:

- Identify and recruit the YPI Trainer candidates for Westchester County (including police, youth bureau, community leaders and possibly Probation officers).
- Conduct Trainer Orientation. Determine target community. Identify youth for inclusion.
- Begin First YPI training (Focus will be either on Port Chester, Mt Vernon, Bedford/Mt. Kisco). Identify youth for trainings 2 and 3.
- Conduct YPI trainings two and three (same cities). Identify youth for session 4.
- Conduct YPI Session Four (possibly White Plains). Complete trainer certification.

NAFI expects tangible results for youth and police involved in the training. The effectiveness of this innovative training experience will not only lead to the reduction of negative interactions with police but it is expected that patrol officers who can effectively communicate, intervene and relate to youth and families will improve community relations between citizens and the police department. In White Plains, NY, NAFI, in a two year analyses, led 80 youth and 78 police officers through YPI. During that time juvenile crime was reduced by 40%.

This agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3 (a) (xviii) as this procurement is for a contract with persons for the creation and support of recreation projects, youth service projects and other appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime and the advancement of the moral, physical, mental and social well being of the youth of Westchester County. The Federal Common Grant Rule does not apply to this procurement as the services provided hereunder are exempt under the Social Services Block Grant.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting authority to enter into an agreement with the North American Family Institute (NAFI) for the aforesaid purpose.

An appropriate resolution is attached herewith for your Honorable Board's approval.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION CONTRACT NUMBER 12/2014 PRIMARY/DEPUTY SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with North American Family Institute (NAFI) for the provision of the Youth Police Initiative ("YPI") Program for the period September 15, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Contract is subject to County Appropriations; 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.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$80,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2014 Start Date: 9/15/14 End Date: 12/31/14
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 32%

State Aid: 47%

\$80,000
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid: 21%

Other:

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