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County Executive

Department of Social Services  
Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner

**49194**

Date: October 26, 2015

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

Subject: Authority to amend an agreement with Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. to operate a shelter with a total expanded capacity of 18 beds for single homeless women at a facility known as the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers located at 87 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$231,127 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation, by revising the scope of services effective November 1, 2015 to reflect the provision of permanent supportive housing for 18 single women.

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By a resolution approved on February 26, 2015, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with Y.W.C.A of Yonkers, Inc. ("Y.W.C.A"), pursuant to which Y.W.C.A of Yonkers would operate a shelter with a total expanded capacity of 18 beds for single homeless women at a facility known as the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers located at 87 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 (the "Agreement"), for an amount not to exceed \$231,127 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

The Department recently determined that the census at the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers for single homeless women has been well below capacity. Actual capacity has been at or below 20%. The Department has collaborated with the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers to turn these 18 emergency housing units into permanent housing for single women transitioning out of the shelter system.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested to amend the Agreement effective November 1, 2015 with Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. pursuant to which the YWCA agreed to provide permanent supportive housing for 18 single women transitioning out of the shelter system.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed Agreement **shall serve a public purpose** by assisting the County with transitioning homeless women into affordable permanent housing.

The **goals and objectives** of the aforementioned proposed Agreement are in the **best interests of the County in terms of public health, public safety and fiscal responsibility** as the Y.W.C.A. shall provide permanent housing and supportive services for the participants to increase their success in maintaining permanent housing as they transition from welfare to self-sufficiency and economic independence. The program will provide life skills workshops and referrals to programs to address medical and mental health issues. The program provides a safe haven for the targeted population and reduces the risk of them becoming victims of crime and developing general health related issues that result from inadequate housing.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreement **shall be tracked and monitored** through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The Y.W.C.A. will submit monthly statistics in the format determined by the Department.

The proposed Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a)(xiv). The proposed Agreement is exempt from the Federal Common Grant Rules as there is no federal funding for this program.

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 (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. to operate a shelter with a total expanded capacity of 18 beds for single homeless women at a facility known as the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers located at 87 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$231,127 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation by revising the scope of services effective November 1, 2015 to reflect the provision of permanent supportive housing for 18 single women; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any document necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: N/A  
State Aid: N/A  
Federal Aid: N/A  
Other: N/A

\$N/A  
(must match resolution)