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**TO:** Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Honorable Robert P. Astorino  
Westchester County Executive

Hon. Michael B. Kaplowitz, Chairman  
Westchester County Board of Legislators

Robin Schlaff  
Director, Office for Women

**DATE:** March 31, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Authority to enter into an agreement with Hope's Door, Inc. to provide case management services for non-residential domestic violence programs, for a term commencing on January 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2016, for an amount not-to-exceed \$25,750

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The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Hope's Door, Inc. ("Hope's Door"), pursuant to which Hope's Door will provide case management services for non-residential domestic violence programs, for a term commencing on January 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2016, for an amount not-to-exceed \$25,750, payable quarterly, pursuant to an approved budget.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by supporting state-mandated non-residential domestic violence services for victims of domestic violence. Non-residential domestic violence services enable victims to become safe and independent and to avoid returning to their abusers or becoming dependent on public assistance.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are for Hope's Door to provide case management services for non-residential domestic violence programs and overall management of program statistics and evaluation, contract development and reporting, program development and ensuring compliance with performance measures. As a result of the services provided, it is anticipated that at least 90% of adult victims will respond positively to the following outcome questions:

- I am able to talk about the abuse I have endured with those I trust.
- I have learned more about my options.
- I know more ways to plan for my safety.
- I know more about community resources to help me.
- I know more about abuse and abusive behavior.
- I can better identify what I want in a relationship.
- I have learned ways to be good to myself.
- I understand the reasons why someone would stay in an abusive relationship.
- I understand the reasons why someone would leave an abusive relationship.
- I know more about my legal rights.

An average of 91% of adult victims responded positively to the outcome questions during the previous contract term.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

Please be advised that Section 459-c of the New York Social Services Law directs social services districts, such as the County, to offer and provide non-residential services to victims of domestic violence, whether eligible or ineligible for public assistance. Non-residential services programs must have the ability to provide the following services:

- 1.) Information and Referral services;
- 2.) Advocacy;
- 3.) Counseling;
- 4.) Community education and outreach activities; and
- 5.) Hotline services.

Authority to exempt these services from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof has been sought from your Honorable Board in accordance by a separate resolution of the same date hereof.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

# RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Executive, the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Hope's Door, Inc. pursuant to which Hope's Door, Inc. will provide case management services for non-residential domestic violence programs, for a term commencing on January 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2016, for an amount not-to-exceed \$25,750, payable quarterly, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement 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 period of 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 to either 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 be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be charged/credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year(s)
101	52	2508	5100	N/A	\$25,750	2016

Budget Funding Year(s) 2016      Start Date: 1/1/2016      End Date: 12/31/2016  
 (must match resolution)

\$25,750  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source:      Tax Dollars \$25,750  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_