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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: February 22, 2019

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc., pursuant to which it will provide crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence, for a term from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, for an amount not-to-exceed \$94,567.00.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. ("WestCOP"), pursuant to which WestCOP will provide, through its Victims Assistance Services Program ("VAS"), crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence, for an amount not-to-exceed Ninety-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$94,567.00), payable quarterly, pursuant to an approved budget, for a term commencing on January 1, 2019 and continuing through December 31, 2019.

Through VAS' Rape Crisis Program, WestCOP provides supportive casework and counseling services to victims of rape, sexual assault and sexual abuse in Westchester County. In addition to providing counseling and assistance services to residents of Westchester County who have been victims of rape and child victims who have witnessed violence, WestCOP provides clinical services to adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, families of rape victims and special populations including adolescents.

In addition, the Rape Crisis Program utilizes volunteers for many services. These volunteers assist with answering hotlines, act as hospital advocates, and assist in evening and/or weekend community event presentations.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing immediate crisis intervention to rape victims as well as services and support to children who witness violence, including domestic violence and sexual assault.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are for WestCOP to provide, through VAS, immediate crisis intervention information and referral for victims of rape through its 24-hour Rape Crisis helpline; accompany rape victims through the forensic exam process; provide trainings on rape and sexual assault to law enforcement through the Westchester County Police Academy; and provide trainings on sexual assault, dating violence, and/or stalking to college students and/or staff at local colleges.

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

The procurement of the proposed Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)(viii) thereof, which exempts contracts with agencies engaging healthcare workers.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 03/21/2019 - LISA MARIJA SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from 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 Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. ("WestCOP"), pursuant to which WestCOP will provide, through its Victims Assistance Services Program ("VAS"), crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence, for an amount not-to-exceed Ninety-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$94,567.00), payable quarterly, pursuant to an approved budget, for a term commencing on January 1, 2019 and continuing through December 31, 2019; 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 is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be charged/credited:

FUND	DEPT	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$94,567	2019

Budget Funding Year(s) 2019

(must match resolution)

Start Date: 1/1/2019

End Date: 12/31/2019

\$94,567

(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$94,567
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid _____
 Other _____