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County Executive

Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

**68881**

**DATE:** March 19, 2019

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Kevin McGuire, Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

**SUBJECT:** Authority for the County of Westchester to further amend its agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc., to operate a special needs shelter at a facility known as **My Sisters' Place I** for women and their minor children who are victims of domestic violence and residing in the County of Westchester, by, a.) extending the term by three (3) months, to a new termination date of June 30, 2019, and b.) increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$105,833, to pay for additional services to be rendered during the extended term.

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By a resolution approved on February 6, 2014, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. ("MSP"), pursuant to which MSP would operate a special needs shelter at a facility known as My Sisters' Place 1 for women and their minor children who are victims of domestic violence and residing in the County of Westchester for the period from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 for an amount not to exceed \$2,116,665 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation at the rate of \$112.22 per person per day (the "Agreement"). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Thereafter, by resolution approved on December 20, 2018, your Honorable Board authorized the County to a.) extend the term of the Agreement by three (3) months, to a new termination date of March 31, 2019, in order to have sufficient time to issue a new RFP for shelter services, and b.) increase the not-to-exceed amount thereunder by \$105,833, to a new total amount not to exceed of \$2,222,498, to pay for services to be rendered during the extended term (the "First Amendment"). The First Amendment was subsequently executed.

The Department did not receive any proposals in response to its most recent RFP for shelter services and must now issue a second RFP. In order to maintain continuity for these critical services, authority is respectfully requested to further amend the Agreement with MSP for the operation of the special needs shelter at a facility known as **My Sisters' Place I**, by, a.) extending the term thereof by an additional three (3) months, to a new termination date of June 30, 2019, and b.) increasing the not-to-exceed amount thereunder by \$105,833, to a new total amount not to exceed of \$2,328,331, to pay for services to be rendered during the extended term (the "Amendment").

Except as specifically described above, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed Amendment will serve a **public purpose** by assisting the County to provide immediate emergency shelter to eligible victims of domestic violence and their minor children.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Amendment are:

- 1) to provide a safe environment to women and their minor children experiencing domestic violence
- 2) to provide on-site counseling services and support services
- 3) to offer 24 hour hotline services seven days a week
- 4) to increase responsiveness of the criminal justice system to the needs of battered women and their minor children by offering legal services, advocacy and accompaniment services for Court hearings and visits to the District Attorney's Office.

The **goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored** using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. The contractor is required to submit to the Department monthly and quarterly statistical reports on all activities related to the program.

This procurement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xi) thereof, which exempts "any procurement made pursuant to procurement procedures provided for under any other federal or state law applicable to such procurement", and Section 13 thereof, which specifies that each procurement that is funded, in whole or in part, by federal funds shall be made in accordance with any and all applicable federal laws, regulations, rules, guidance, instructions, or grant terms. Specifically, this procurement complies with 2 C.F.R. 200.320(f)(2), which allows for non-competitive procurement when "[t]he public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation", based on the exigent circumstance that would be created by the County being without the shelter services, as noted above.

I respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution.

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## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to further amend its agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. ("MSP"), to operate a special needs shelter at a facility known as **My Sisters' Place I** for women and their minor children who are victims of domestic violence and residing in the County of Westchester, for the period from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed \$2,222,498 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation at the rate of \$112.22 per person per day (the "Agreement") by, a.) extending the term thereof by three (3) months, to a new termination date of June 30, 2019, and b.) increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$105,833, to a new total amount not to exceed of \$2,328,331, to pay for services to be rendered during the extended term; and be it further

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

Original Contract Amount:	\$ 2,116,665
First Amendment:	\$ 105,833
This Amendment:	<b><u>\$ 105,833</u></b>
Total:	\$2,328,331

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	8900	5850	-----	\$105,833

Budget Funding Year(s): 2019  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 04/01/2019 End Date: 06/30/2019

Funding Source	Tax Dollars: 1%
<u>\$105,833</u>	State Aid: 0%
(must match resolution)	Federal Aid: 99%
	Other: