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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: April 9, 2019

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution requesting authorization for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“the Department”), to amend an agreement with Gavin & Lacy Consultants, LLC, to conduct field investigations and searches to locate children in foster care placement that have been declared AWOL by the Westchester County Department of Social Services for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, in order to increase the pay rate from \$85/hour to \$125/hour for the service the consultant provides

By a resolution approved on February 7, 2019, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“the Department”), to enter into an agreement with Gavin & Lacy Consultants, LLC (the “Agreement”), to conduct field investigations and searches to locate children in foster care placement that have been declared AWOL by the Westchester County Department of Social Services for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to be paid at a rate of \$85/hour and incidental for the service the consultant provides to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. Fee also scheduled for safe transport for youth. This agreement was subsequently executed.

The Department now seeks the authority of your Honorable Board to amend the Agreement with Gavin & Lacy Consultants, LLC, in order to increase the pay rate from \$85/hour to \$125/hour for the service the consultant provides.

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

The objective of this Agreement is to return AWOL youth to foster care placement and work with them to assure appropriate future permanent discharge.

The Agreement is in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety because returning youth to foster care will shelter them from delinquency, neglect and abuse.

The Agreement is in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility as the services provided by this program focus on assisting foster care youth to become independent and self-sufficient.

DSS will monitor the contractor to ensure compliance with contract terms and to ensure the successful completion of this contract.

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

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 05/02/2019 - LISI MARIJAS SECRETARY

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 amend its agreement with Gavin & Lacy Consultants, LLC to conduct field investigations and searches to locate children in foster care placement that have been declared AWOL by the Westchester County Department of Social Services for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, in order to increase the pay rate from \$35/hour to \$125/hour for the service the consultant provides; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all terms and conditions of said agreement shall remain in full force and effect; 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 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 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
	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
N/A State Aid: N/A
(must match resolution) Federal Aid: N/A