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DATE: April 23, 2019

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden, Executive Director
Westchester County Youth Bureau

SUBJECT: Request for authority for the County of Westchester (“County”) to accept grant funds from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”), in the amount of \$225,000 for a term from September 30, 2018 through September 29, 2019 for the County to launch a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program to address the need for teen pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted disease prevention and youth engagement in Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains and Yonkers.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to accept a grant in the amount of \$225,000 from HHS, for a term from September 30, 2018 through September 29, 2019 (“Grant”). The Grant will allow the County to launch a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program to address the need for teen pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted disease prevention and youth engagement in Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains and Yonkers.

The Westchester County Board of Legislators authorized the County to accept the Grant by Act No. 45-2019 adopted March 25, 2019.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the “Grant Terms”), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

The proposed Grant will serve a public purpose by providing sexual risk avoidance education programming to prevent teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases as well as to provide positive youth development programming for career exploration.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant is to decrease teen pregnancy rates, reduce the number of sexually transmitted diseases and increase youth knowledge of future careers and

career paths.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant is in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as sexual risk avoidance education programming will be provided to approximately 160 youth throughout White Plains, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon and Yonkers at no cost to the county's tax levy.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant is also in the best interests of the County in terms of public health and safety as the curricula includes medically-accurate evidence-based information that can help young people can develop to their full potential.

The goal and objective of the proposed Grant will be tracked and monitored by quarterly progress reports, site visits and through the use of pre and post-test information.

The proposed Grant does not constitute procurement. Accordingly, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply to the proposed Grant.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/25/2019 - US. MARIJAS SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Executive Director of the Westchester County Youth Bureau, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”) is hereby authorized to accept a grant in the amount of \$225,000 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, for a term from September 30, 2018 through September 29, 2019 which will allow the County to launch a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program to address the need for teen pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted disease prevention and youth engagement in Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains and Yonkers; 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
263	11		4380	T02U	\$225,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 18/19 Start Date: September 30, 2018 End Date: September 29, 2019
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: \$225,000
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: _____
State Aid: _____
Federal Aid: \$225,000
Other: _____