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

**FROM:** Honorable George Latimer  
Westchester County Executive  
Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden  
Executive Director, Youth Bureau

**DATE:** May 10, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Request authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Sister to Sister International, Incorporated (“STSI”) to operate its STSI: Still I Rise! program for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for an amount not-to-exceed \$45,000, pursuant to an approved budget.

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Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Youth Bureau, (the “Youth Bureau”) to enter into an agreement with Sister to Sister International, Incorporated (“STSI”) pursuant to which STSI will operate its :Still I Rise! program (“Still I Rise! Program”) for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$45,000, payable in quarterly installments, pursuant to an approved budget (the “Agreement”).

The Still I Rise! Program is a coordinated collective impact initiative that will provide social, emotional, and academic support for minority female youth in the County. The Still I Rise! Program includes activities that will work toward improving positive youth development outcomes for minority female youth related to rates of exclusionary school discipline, and trauma induced by abuse by increasing access to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) educational opportunities, sustaining reduced rates of pregnancy, and other opportunities that will expand pathways to economic prosperity.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by improving physical, psychological, social, emotional, and academic competencies of the participating youth through a broad range of age-appropriate skill building activities and public awareness campaigns.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is to serve approximately 75 minority female youth throughout the County.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Youth Bureau.

The procurement of the proposed Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xviii) thereof, which exempts” contracts with persons for the creation and support of recreation projects, youth service projects and other appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime and the advancement of the moral, physical, mental and social well-being of the youth of Westchester County”.

An appropriate Resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board’s consideration.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 06/06/2019 - USA MR/PA/SECRETARY

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Youth Bureau, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Sister to Sister International, Incorporated ("STSI") pursuant to which STSI will operate its Still I Rise! program, for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, for an amount not-to-exceed Forty-Five Thousand (\$45,000) Dollars, payable in quarterly installments pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"); 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	\$45,000	2019

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

**Start Date:** 1/1/2019

**End Date:** 12/31/2019

\$45,000

(must match resolution)

**Funding Source:**

Tax Levy \$45,000

State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_