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DATE: June 13, 2019

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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

SUBJECT: Request for authority for the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an agreement with JCY Westchester Community Partners, a division of Family Service Society of Yonkers ("FSSY") pursuant to which FSSY will operate its Intergenerational Literacy/SMART Summer Reading Buddies Program for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, for an amount not to exceed \$45,900, pursuant to an approved budget.

Authority is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through its Youth Bureau, to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with FSSY pursuant to which FSSY will operate its Intergenerational Literacy SMART Summer Reading Buddies Program ("Program") for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, for a total amount not to exceed \$45,900, pursuant to an approved budget.

The Program provides one-to-one literacy reading support and mentoring to youth in a safe environment on public school and library premises. The goal of the Program is to increase language skills, improve self-confidence and motivation, stimulate academic interest commitment, foster socially responsible behavior and empower participating youth to achieve school success while making adult volunteers feel engaged, valued and connected with society.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is for FSSY to serve 50 participating youth at public schools and libraries throughout Yonkers. The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by enhancing the reading experience of children in Westchester through effective learning initiatives and the engagement of volunteer mentors. The Programs performance will be tracked and monitored by the Youth Bureau.

The program was previously undertaken in 2018 and reported the following outcomes: The Program served approximately 54 youth in 2018. According to the results of the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests, 90% of the students in the SMART program showed an increase in their test scores. 96% of SMART mentors reported that their students' attitude towards schoolwork and their self-confidence had improved. 97% of the parents participating in the program conclusion survey agreed they witnessed an increase in their child's desire to read,

and an increase in their child's interest in going to the library and reading for fun. 90% of the mentors in the Program expressed their sense of achievement and satisfaction in being able to help their students in their academic, social and emotional development through the one-to-one mentoring sessions.

The procurement of the proposed Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester 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 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 - 01/11/2019 - USA, INC., SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Youth Bureau, (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement (the "Agreement") with JCY- Westchester Community Partners, a division of Family Service Society of Yonkers ("FSSY") pursuant to which FSSY will operate its Intergenerational Literacy Support- SMART/Summer Reading Buddies Program for the period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for an amount not to exceed Forty Five Thousand Nine Hundred (\$45,900.00) Dollars, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget; 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 Agreements. 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 that Contractor shall have the right to terminate their 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 to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate 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	11	0400	4380	N/A	\$45,900	2019

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

Start Date: 1/1/2019

End Date: 12/31/2019

\$45,900
(must match resolution)

Funding Source:

Tax Levy \$45,900
State Aid _____
Federal Aid _____
Other _____