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To: Honorable Members  
Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Rocco A. Pozzi  
Commissioner of Probation

Date: July 9, 2019

Re: **Request for authority for the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, to fund the County's led Mid-Hudson Regional Youth Justice Team program, for the period from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.**

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Authority of your Honorable Board is hereby requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Probation ("Department") to enter into a grant agreement (the "Agreement") with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("DCJS"), pursuant to which DCJS will provide a grant in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, to fund the County's led Mid-Hudson Regional Youth Justice Team ("Team") program ("Program"), for the period from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

The purpose of this funding is to support the efforts of the Team to better address the needs of the region's youth and to reform and improve the local and state juvenile justice system by creating programs and infrastructure that provides youth with a path toward a productive, crime-free life. Grant funds should be used to build Program capacity across the region based on system needs and address identified gaps in service availability. The Team is comprised of Westchester (lead), Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster counties. The team has identified a list of trainings that the counties have requested and will use the funds to hire presenters, secure locations for the trainings, pay for people to get to the training, and any materials needed for the training. The training topics will consist of the following:

1. Attitudes Regarding Trauma Informed Care (ARTIC)
2. Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Training
3. RESILIENCE film and creating Resilience Coalitions

Many of the counties in the Mid-Hudson region have only been able to afford training provided by their localities only and in many cases, only free trainings. This grant

will allow the County to bring more nationally renowned speakers to the region to address the various current juvenile topic needs identified by the Team. It will allow the County to expose staff working with juveniles throughout the Mid-Hudson region to trainings they otherwise would not readily be able to attend. The County will take the lead in arranging for the trainings. However, each county will fully participate if the training is in their respective county area by handling registration, securing locations for the trainings, set up, amongst other things. The County plans to make this a cooperative effort amongst the various Mid-Hudson region counties so that everyone receives the maximum benefit from the trainings. The County also plans on holding specific training more than once and in different locations to ensure that the maximum number of people can participate.

The goal and three (3) specific objectives are:

**Goal:** Build sustainable community capacity to address regionally identified priority juvenile justice issues and enhance responses to at-risk and justice involved youth through training and implementation of evidence-based interventions.

**Objective 1:** Identify and examine collective attitudes and beliefs regarding Trauma Informed Care, across disciplines in the Mid-Hudson Region.

**Objective 2:** Train adult community members and professionals to help identify potential mental health issues among youth, respond effectively, and seek help via a train-the-trainer model.

**Objective 3:** Increase knowledge and build capacity for community resilience in each county within the region.

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.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

RAP/CMC

**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Probation, be it hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Acquisition and Contract hereby authorizes the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Probation, to enter into a grant agreement ("Agreement") with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services ("DCJS"), pursuant to which DCJS will provide a grant in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, to fund the County's led Mid-Hudson Regional Youth Justice Team program, for the period from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020; and be it hereby

**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 reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impact of any such State Budget on County finances; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly appointed designee is hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such actions necessary and appropriate to affect the purpose hereof.

**Account to be Charged/credited**

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	39	T08U	9853	T1008	150,000
263	39	T08U	4380	T1008	140,700
263	39	T08U	4360	T1008	7,500
263	39	T08U	3240	T1008	1,800

Budget Funding Year(s) 2019 -2020  
(must match resolution)

Start Date 04/01/2019 End Date 03/31/2020

Funding Source

Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\$150,000.00**

Federal Aid indirect federal funds (must match resolution)

channeled through NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services DCJS# JJ17612338 ,

CFDA# 16.540

Other \_\_\_\_\_