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Department of Social Services

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DATE: July 3, 2019

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an Agreement with the Children's Village, Inc. to provide the BraveLife Intervention Program as part of the Youth Homeless Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures- Phase Two Extension for the term September 30, 2018 through September 29, 2019 in order to increase the amount of the contract by the sum of \$145,000.

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Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to amend an agreement with Children's Village Inc. to increase the amount of the Agreement by \$145,000, for the term September 30, 2018 through September 29, 2019, from an amount not to exceed \$500,908, to a total not to exceed amount of \$645,908 to provide the BraveLife Intervention program to provide youth involvement and experience with trauma-informed child welfare professionals focusing of the elimination of homelessness among at-risk youth with foster care histories. The proposed agreement is funded pursuant to a grant with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families ("HHS") (Award No. 90CA1837-03-02) to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures – Phase Two Extension (the "Grant Agreement"), which was previously authorized by your Honorable Board on June 27, 2019. The increased services to be provided pursuant to the proposed amendment agreement have been authorized by HHS pursuant to the Grant Agreement.

Because the federal funding for the Grant is a Non-Competing Continuation Grant, the agreement with the Children's Village, Inc. may be entered into on a non-competitive basis because the awarding agency authorizes noncompetitive awards pursuant to 24 CFR 92.36(d)(4). The proposed agreements, above are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy (the "Policy") pursuant to Policy Section 3(a)(xi) as County funding for this proposed Agreement is pursuant to the Grant Agreement.

The proposed Agreement **will serve a public purpose** by preventing youth homelessness within the County.

The **goals and objectives** of Westchester Building Futures (“WBF”), is a youth and community-driven second-year planning process to develop a detailed blueprint for transforming Westchester’s system of public and private resources to prevent homelessness among youth emerging from our child welfare system that can be rigorously evaluated, thoroughly documented, and replicated nationwide.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreement is **in the County’s best interest** regarding **fiscal responsibility** as it will reduce homelessness and dependence on public assistance that not only improves the economic situation of the program participants but of the County as well by reducing the County’s public assistance expenditures.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreement is also **in the County’s best interest** regarding **public health and safety** as the operation of the program to obtain permanent housing and self-sufficiency that correspondingly improves the program participants’ physical and psychological well-being and provides a safer and more stable overall environment.

The **performance measurement indicators** for WBF will cross four outcome areas: Stable Housing, Permanent Connections, Social and Emotional Well-being and Education/Employment

The **goals and objectives** of the Grant Agreement **will be tracked and monitored** by the Department that will include performance measurement indicator results.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County to enter into the proposed agreement with the Children’s Village, Inc. I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board’s approval of the attached Resolution.

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## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (“County”) is hereby authorized to enter into an amendment to an agreement with the Children’s Village, Inc. for the term September 30, 2018 through September 29, 2019, in order to increase the amount of the agreement by \$145,000, from an amount not to exceed \$500,908 to a total not to exceed amount of \$645,908, to provide the BraveLife Intervention Program, payable pursuant to an approved budget and pursuant to a grant with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (“HHS”) (Award No. 90CA1837-03-02) to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures – Phase Two Extension, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Original agreement: \$250,454  
 First amendment: 250,454  
 This amendment: 145,000  
 TOTAL \$645,908

Account to be  
 Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	526S	4380	T526	\$145,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2018 -19 Start Date: 09/30/2018 End Date: 9/29/2019  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars:  
\$145,000 (expense) State Aid:  
 Federal Aid: 100% \$145,000  
 (must match resolution) Other: