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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: October 4, 2019

Re: **Authority for the County of Westchester to amend a resolution to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and accept a grant from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation in the sum of \$230,000 to increase family-based placement, including Kinship foster care, and reduce congregate care placement for customers of the Department of Social Services receiving foster care services for the term commencing May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020, in order to increase the amount of the grant by \$43,913 for a new total grant amount of \$273,913.**

On November 15, 2018, your Honorable Board adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Redlich Horwitz Foundation to accept grant funds in sum of \$230,000 (the "Grant") for the term May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020 ("MOU") in order to increase the use of family-based placements (including kinship foster homes), particularly therapeutic foster homes in order to reduce the use of congregate foster care. The MOU was never executed.

Due to an increase in available grant funds, authority is now requested to amend the Resolution to increase the amount of the Grant by \$43,913, for a new total Grant amount of \$273,913. All other terms and conditions of the Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

The MOU will serve the public purpose of providing fund to reduce foster care placements in congregate care, thereby saving taxpayer funds. The MOU will also potentially allow families to stay together avoiding institutional foster care placement.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to authorize the County to amend a resolution to enter into an MOU with Redlich Horwitz foundation in order to increase the amount of the Grant by \$43,913. A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11/07/2019 - LISA MRIJAJ, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to amend a Resolution adopted on November 15, 2018 (the "Resolution") to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") in order to accept a grant from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation in the sum of \$230,000 (the "Grant") to increase the use of family-based placements (including kinship foster homes), particularly therapeutic foster homes in order to reduce the use of congregate foster care in Westchester County for the term May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020, in order to increase the amount of the Grant by \$43,913 for a new total Grant amount of \$273,913; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the Resolution shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

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

Original Resolution: \$230,000
 This Resolution: 43,913
 TOTAL: \$273,913

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	22	904T	9856	T904	\$43,913

Budget Funding Year(s) :2018
 (must match resolution)

Start Date: 5/1/18 End Date: 4/30/20

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: N/A

State Aid: N/A

\$43,913

Federal Aid: N/A

(must match resolution)

Other: 100%