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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: November 25, 2019

Re: **Authority for the County of Westchester to amend a resolution to accept a grant from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation in the sum of \$273,913 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 and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding therefor for the term commencing May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020, in order to decrease the amount of the grant by \$15,000 for a new total grant amount of \$258,913.**

On November 15, 2018, your Honorable Board adopted a resolution (the “2018 Resolution”) authorizing the County, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“Department”), to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Redlich Horwitz Foundation to provide grant funds in sum of \$230,000 (the “Grant”) for the term May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020 (“MOU”) 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. On November 7, 2019 your Honorable Board adopted a second resolution amending the 2018 Resolution to increase the amount of the Grant by \$43,913 for a new total Grant amount of \$273,913 (the “Amended Resolution”). The MOU was never executed.

Due to a mathematical error, authority is now requested to amend the Amended Resolution, to reduce the amount of the Grant by \$15,000 for a new total Grant amount of \$258,913. All other terms and conditions of the Amended Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

The Grant and MOU will serve the public purpose of providing funds 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 the Amended Resolution in order to decrease the amount of the Grant by \$15,000. A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/19/2019 - USMARIJAJ, 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 the Resolution adopted on November 15, 2018, as amended by Resolution adopted on November 7, 2019 (hereafter collectively the "Resolution"), to accept a grant from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation in the sum of \$273,913 (the "Grant") and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") 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 decrease the amount of the Grant by \$15,000 for a new total Grant amount of \$258,913; 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
 Second Resolution: 43,913
 This Resolution: -15,000
 TOTAL: \$258,913

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	22	904T	9856	T904	(\$15,000)

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

(\$15,000)
 (must match resolution)

Federal Aid: N/A

Other: X