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DATE: January 15, 2020

TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Mae Carpenter, Commissioner
Department of Senior Programs & Services

RE: Request for authority to enter into an agreement with YWCA of Yonkers, Inc. to provide the Senior Health & Wellness Program for seniors ages 60 years and over who reside in the County of Westchester, as well as women who utilize the YWCA of Yonkers's drop-in shelter, and are ages 55 and older. Funding for the program shall be in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget for the program period commencing on January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020.

The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs & Services (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an Agreement (the "Agreement") with YWCA of Yonkers, Inc. (the "Contractor") to provide the Senior Health & Wellness Program for seniors ages 60 years and over who reside in the County of Westchester, as well as women who utilize the YWCA of Yonkers's drop-in shelter, and are ages 55 and older (the "Program"). Funding for the Program shall be in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget for the program period commencing on January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020.

The services to be provided under the Program shall include: counseling, health promotion and senior center recreation and education services.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing a safe, supportive, and therapeutic space for seniors so they will benefit from social inclusion and engage in experiences that promote healthy aging.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to maximize the wellness of County seniors through activities such as exercise, outings, workshops, nutrition education, counseling, and referrals.

The goals and objectives are in the County's best interest in terms of fiscal responsibility and public health, as these services enable seniors to remain safely in their homes or gain access to needed housing in their communities among friends and family and maintain a cost-effective lifestyle; resulting in a reduction of nursing home institutionalization and homelessness, thereby reducing Medicaid costs for the County, State and Federal governments and improving the general well-being of Westchester County's seniors.

The Agreement will be tracked, monitored and evaluated by the Department through monthly reporting activities and on-site reviews to determine if the performance goals and objectives of the Agreement are being met in a fiscally responsible and appropriately effective manner. Additionally, client satisfaction will be monitored through the use of surveys.

The proposed Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)xix, thereof.

Accordingly, your favorable action on the attached Resolution is most respectfully recommended.

MC/SJ

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 02/06/2020 - LISA MRISJ, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, BE IT HEREBY:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with YWCA of Yonkers, Inc. ("YWCA") to provide the Senior Health & Wellness Program for seniors ages 60 years and over who reside in the County of Westchester, as well as women who utilize the YWCA of Yonkers's drop-in shelter, and are ages 55 and older (the "Program"). Funding for the Program shall be in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget for the program period commencing on January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement with the YWCA is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is also subject to the further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of the 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 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 the Agreement with the YWCA or to renegotiate the amount and rate approved therein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the YWCA, then the YWCA shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be charged	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	85	686V	4380	T686	\$25,000
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)		<u>2020</u>	Start Date	<u>1/1/20</u>	End Date	<u>12/31/20</u>
Funding Source		County Tax Dollars	\$25,000			
<u>\$25,000</u> (must match resolution)						

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 02/09/2020 - USU MARIJAJ, SECRETARY