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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

**74148**

**DATE:** January 23, 2020

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner of Social Services

**RE: Authority to enter into an agreement with Youth Theatre Interactions, Inc. pursuant to which Youth Theatre Interactions, Inc. will provide performing arts education classes to county youth for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$45,000 payable pursuant to an approved budget.**

Authority is requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an agreement with Youth Theatre Interactions, Inc. ("YTI") pursuant to which YTI will provide performing arts education classes to County youth for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$45,000 payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement").

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, YTI will provide high quality performing arts education to students ranging in age from 6 through 19 years. YTI's instructors are all professionally trained and have working credits to their names. YTI will provide 25-27 classes weekly in dance, music, and drama specifically designed to promote structure and discipline while nurturing each child's creativity and critical thinking. The program will culminate in an annual recital, highlighting what has been learned throughout the program year.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Sections 3(a)xiii and 3(a) xviii thereof.

**The Agreement will serve a public purpose** by providing a professional level arts education to instill confidence and foster the development of critical thinking and social and emotional skills among the County's youth.

**The goals and objectives of this agreement** are improved confidence and improved social and emotional skills among the participating County youth through participation in this program.

**The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County** because the served youth will have improved confidence, critical thinking and social and emotional skills through participation in this program.

The program will be tracked and monitored by the Department using the Performance Measurement Indicators adopted by the Department. Monthly and quarterly reports will be submitted by the vendor. Regular site visits will be conducted by DSS program staff. The program office will be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

**Based on Performance Measurement Indicators, the Department is able to report that** from January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019, YTI served 255 youth with an average retention rate of 95%, above the target retention rate of 50%.

Authority for the County to enter into the Agreement with YTI for the purposes as herein described is most respectfully requested.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 02/20/2020 - ES:MRISAS/SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Youth Theatre Interactions, Inc. ("YTI") pursuant to which YTI will provide performing arts education classes to County youth for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$45,000 payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"); and be it further

**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 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 this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

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

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2020	101	22	8900	5960		\$45,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2020 Start Date: 1/1/2020 End Date: 12/31/2020

(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 38%

State Aid: 62%

**\$45,000**

Federal Aid: 0%

(must match resolution)

Other: