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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: March 18, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (“OCFS”) in order to accept a grant in the amount of \$43,350.00 pursuant to OCFS’ Safe Harbour: NY program

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 enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (“OCFS”) in order to accept a Safe Harbour: NY program (“Safe Harbour”) grant in the amount of \$43,350.00 for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (the “Grant Agreement”). The Safe Harbour program identifies and provides services to sexually exploited minors and “at risk” minors. The program seeks to divert youth from foster care and the juvenile justice system.

The County has successfully completed several years in partnering with OCFS through the Safe Harbour program. As such, OCFS has designated the County as a “graduated community”, and therefore the County is eligible to receive this allocation to continue supporting the efforts developed New York State Office of Children and Family Services through its participation in the Safe Harbour program.

The Grant Agreement with OCFS does not constitute a procurement and therefore, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

The Grant Agreement **shall serve a public purpose** by identifying and providing services to sexually exploited minors and minors who are “at risk” of being sexually exploited.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Grant Agreement shall be to assist these youth so as to avoid foster care and the juvenile justice system, through a program of identification, assistance and support.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Grant Agreement are **in the County's best interest** regarding **fiscal responsibility** as the Grant Agreement provides the funding for mandated services that the County would otherwise be required to fund through the County's General Fund.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into the proposed Grant Agreement.

I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

KMM/LAC

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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 (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (“OCFS”) in order to accept a grant in the amount of \$43,350.00 for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to provide identification and services to sexually exploited minors and minors who are “at risk” of being sexually exploited, through the Safe Harbour: NY program; 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.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	487V	9854	T487	\$43,350

Budget Funding Year(s): 2020
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 01/01/20 End Date: 12/31/20

Funding Source

\$43,350 -
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: 0%
State Aid: 100%
Federal Aid: 0%
Other: 0%

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