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Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner

**75875**

**Date:** April 7, 2020

**To:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**From:** Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

**Subject:** **Authority to amend a resolution approved on January 9, 2020 which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. to operate an emergency shelter for adult women and their minor children residing in the County of Westchester who are victims of domestic violence for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$2,370,745 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved annual budget and subject to appropriation, by changing the eligibility designation from "adult women and their minor children" to simply "adults and children".**

By resolution approved on January 9, 2020 (the "January 9<sup>th</sup> Resolution"), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with My Sisters' Place, Inc. ("My Sisters' Place"), pursuant to which My Sisters' Place would operate an emergency shelter known as My Sisters' Place for adult women and their minor children residing in the southern zone of the County of Westchester who are victims of domestic violence for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$2,370,745 to be paid monthly at an approximated per diem rate of \$115.48 pursuant to approved annual budgets (the "Agreement"). The Agreement has not yet been executed.

The Department was recently informed that there can no longer be any gender-based eligibility criteria for domestic violence shelters and that all New York State regulations were revised over the past few years to remove any reference to "women" or "battered women." In order to comply with these new requirements, authority is respectfully requested to amend the January 9<sup>th</sup> Resolution for the limited purpose of changing the eligibility designation from "adult women and their minor children" to simply "adults and children."

Except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the January 9<sup>th</sup> Resolution will remain in full force and effect.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the resolution approved on January 9, 2020 (the “January 9<sup>th</sup> Resolution”) which authorized the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with My Sisters’ Place, Inc. to operate an emergency shelter known as My Sisters’ Place for adult women and their minor children residing in the southern zone of the County of Westchester who are victims of domestic violence for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$2,370,745 to be paid monthly at an approximated per diem rate of \$115.48, pursuant to approved annual budgets, is hereby amended for the limited purpose of changing the eligibility designation from “adult women and their minor children” to simply “adults and children”; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the January 9<sup>th</sup> 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 document necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars

Budget Funding Year(s): 2020-2024 Start Date: 01/01/2020 End Date: 12/31/2024  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars:	N/A
	State Aid:	N/A
<b>\$ 0.00</b>	Federal Aid:	N/A
(must match resolution)	Other:	N/A