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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner of Social Services

Date: April 13, 2020

**Re: Authority for the County of Westchester to exercise its fourth and final option to extend an agreement with Abbott House (“Abbott House”) for training and certification of foster and adoptive parents in an amount not to exceed \$226,000 and with United Way of Westchester and Putnam, (“United Way”) to provide marketing and recruitment of foster and adoptive parents in an amount not-to-exceed \$119,000 each for the period May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, on the same price, terms and conditions, to be paid pursuant to approved budgets and subject to appropriations.**

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Pursuant to a Request For Proposal (“RFP”) and a Resolution approved on April 28, 2016, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“Department”), to enter into an agreement with Abbott House (“Abbott House”) for training and certification of foster and adoptive parents for an amount not to exceed \$226,000, and with United Way of Westchester and Putnam (“United Way”) to provide marketing and recruitment of foster and adoptive parents in an amount not to exceed \$119,000 payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation for the term May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017 with the County having the sole option to extend the term of the agreements for up to four (4) one (1) year periods thereafter, on the same price, terms and conditions and subject to Board of Acquisition and Contract approval. Both of the Agreements were executed.

By resolution approved on September 21, 2017, your Honorable Board authorized the County to exercise its first option to extend both the Abbott House and the United Way Agreements for an additional year, upon the same price, terms and conditions for the term May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. Both of the agreements were executed.

By resolution approved on May 10, 2018, your Honorable Board authorized the County to exercise its second option to extend both the Abbott House and the United Way Agreements

for an additional year, upon the same price, terms and conditions for the term May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. Both of the agreements were executed

By resolution approved on April 25, 2019, your Honorable Board authorized the County to exercise its third option to extend both the Abbott House and the United Way Agreements for an additional year, upon the same price, terms and conditions for the term May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. Both of the agreements were executed

Authority is now requested for the County to exercise its fourth and final option to extend both the Abbott House and the United Way Agreements for an additional year, upon the same price, terms and conditions for the term May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreements shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed Agreements will serve the public purpose of providing appropriate foster and/or adoptive placements for children placed in the Care of the County by the Family Court. Recruiting and providing ethnically appropriate foster or adoptive parental placement has the goal of reduced recidivism.

A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

KMM/DI  
Attachment

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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, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“County”), is hereby authorized to exercise its fourth and final option to extend an agreement with Abbott House dated June 13, 2016 for training and certification of foster and adoptive parents (“Abbott House Agreement”) in an amount not to exceed \$226,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget for the term May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, on the same price, terms and conditions; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County is hereby further authorized to exercise its fourth and final option to extend an agreement with the United Way of Westchester and Putnam dated June 14, 2016 to provide marketing and recruitment of foster and adoptive parents (“United Way Agreement”) in an amount not to exceed \$119,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget for the term from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, on the same price, terms and conditions; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that all other terms and conditions of the Abbott House Agreement and the United Way Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that these contracts are subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that these Agreements are also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (“State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of these Agreements. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State budget and/or 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 impact of any such budget(s) on County finances. After such analysis, the County

shall retain the right to either terminate these Agreements, or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractors then the Contractors shall have the right to terminate the agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; 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.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2020	101	22	8900	5880		230,000
2021	101	22	8900	5880		115,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2020-2021 Start Date: 5/1/2020 End Date: 4/30/2021  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: 22%

\$345,000 State Aid: 48%

(must match resolution)

Federal Aid: 30%

Other: