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DATE: April 15, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into agreements with: (1) Children's Village, Inc.; (2) International Organization for Adolescents ("IOFA"); and (3) Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. (Dr. Carol Chu) in connection with a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") in the amount of \$43,350.00 pursuant to OCFS' Safe Harbour: NY program

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On March 26, 2020, 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 the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") to accept grant funds in the amount of \$43,350.00 for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 pursuant to OCFS' Safe Harbour: NY program ("Safe Harbour").

The Safe Harbour program identifies and provides services to sexually exploited minors and "at risk" minors in Westchester County. 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 was deemed eligible to receive the aforesaid grant funds to continue supporting the efforts developed through its participation in the Safe Harbour program. Services provided include wraparound services in the area of community based social activities, peer mentorship, youth leadership opportunities, and transportation for youth to attend wraparound services and activities and safe retreats. The use of the grant funds will also include a public awareness campaign, staff training and development for Department Safe Harbour staff, clinical consultations and staff to attend retreats described herein.

Authority is being requested herein for the County, utilizing the grant funds, to enter into agreements with the following: (1) Children's Village, Inc. ("Children's Village") in the amount of \$26,780 for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 wherein Children's Village for the provision of a wraparound program of pro-social, peer mentorship, transportation and youth leadership opportunities; (2) International Organization for Adolescents ("IOFA") in the amount of \$5,000 for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for the provision of Safe Harbour retreats; and (3) Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. (Dr. Carol Chu) in the amount of \$4,465 for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for the provision of clinical consultations regarding youth who have experienced trauma. The remainder of the grant funds in the amount of \$7,105.00, will be utilized to enable Department Safe Harbour staff to attend training sessions including but not limited to the Safe Harbour Summit in Syracuse, New York.

These agreements 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 these agreements 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 and performance under the terms of these agreements will be tracked and monitored by the Department

These agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(viii) thereof.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County to enter into the proposed agreements

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

KMM/LAC

**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 the following agreements: (1) Children’s Village, Inc. (“Children’s Village”) in the amount of \$26,780 for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 wherein Children’s Village for the provision of a wraparound program of pro-social, peer mentorship, transportation and youth leadership opportunities; (2) International Organization for Adolescents (“IOFA”) in the amount of \$5,000 for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for the provision of Safe Harbour retreats; and (3) Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. ( Dr. Carol Chu) in the amount of \$4,465 for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for the provision of clinical consultations regarding youth who have experienced trauma; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that these agreements are subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “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 the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable 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 either to 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 these agreements upon reasonable prior written notice; 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      Start Date: 01/01/20      End Date: 12/31/20  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source  <u>\$43,350</u> (must match resolution)	Tax Dollars:0% State Aid: 100% Federal Aid:0% Other:
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