



Westchester Community College

State University of New York

OnBase: 87564

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Dr. Belinda S. Miles
President

Date: September 15, 2021

RE: **Authority to enter an agreement with the State University of New York (“SUNY”) pursuant to which SUNY will provide Westchester County, acting by and through Westchester Community College (the “College”), with funding for the operation of its Educational Opportunity Program for a five-year term from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026 in a total amount not to exceed \$920,188.00.**

Funds have been appropriated to SUNY by Chapter 53 of the Laws of 2021 to implement the Arthur O. Eve Educational Opportunity Program. The County of Westchester, acting by and through Westchester Community College, requests authority to enter into an agreement with SUNY (the “Agreement”) pursuant to which SUNY will provide the College with funds in an amount not to exceed \$920,188.00 to implement the Educational Opportunity Program at the College over a five year term commencing September 1, 2021.

The mission of Westchester Community College’s Educational Opportunity Program (“EOP”) is to assist first generation college students who come from academically and economically disadvantaged backgrounds to successfully graduate from college. EOP offers students the academic, personal and financial support needed to help attain their educational and professional objectives. The program also supports personal, intellectual and cultural growth by providing a range of services designed to foster a student’s individual development.

The College will agree to operate a structured program for screening, testing, counseling, tutoring and assistance to residents of New York State who are graduates of an approved high school or recipients of a high school equivalency diploma or equivalent, who have the potential to complete a post-secondary program and are economically and educationally disadvantaged.

The College will be required to submit a budget on an annual basis, which shall be subject to approval of SUNY.

The goals and objectives of this Agreement are to deliver support services to eligible students, which leads to enhanced employment opportunities, access to further education and personal growth. This agreement is in the best interests of the County because it will assist in educating first generation college students and will result in an increase in the number of educated individuals who may not otherwise have had an opportunity to attend college. The College is responsible to track and report the College's progress and those of the students in achieving the goals and objectives of the Educational Opportunity Program.

This agreement is exempt from the operation of the Procurement Policy pursuant to 3(a) iii in that it is an agreement with an instrumentality of New York State.

I certify that my department a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, agreements, as well as any guidance or instructions received from SUNY providing the funding for this program; b) has reviewed the terms of the Agreement; c) is aware of and understands the obligations of the College; and d) can and will comply with all of the terms of the Agreement.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your consideration.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS - 09/23/2014 RAMOND SULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the President of Westchester Community College, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through Westchester Community College (the “College”) is authorized to enter into an agreement with the State University of New York (“SUNY”) pursuant to which SUNY will provide funding for the operation of the College’s Educational Opportunity Program for a five-year term from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026. The total amount payable to the College for the five-year term shall be in an amount not to exceed \$920,188.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

Fiscal Year	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars (Revenue)
21/22	703	9997		9700	T-224	\$184,037.60
22/23	703	9997		9700	T-224	\$184,037.60
23/24	703	9997		9700	T-224	\$184,037.60
24/25	703	9997		9700	T-224	\$184,037.60
25/26	703	9997		9700	T-224	\$184,037.60

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021/22 – 2025/26 Start Date 09/1/2021 End Date 8/31/2026
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____

State Aid \$920,188.00

\$ 920,188.00 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution)

Other _____