

DATE: April 26, 2010

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Marlene E. Furtick, Executive Director
Westchester County Youth Bureau

RE: Authority to enter into an Agreement with the Community Planning Council of Yonkers, Inc. to operate the W. O. R. K. Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not-to-exceed \$45,000, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget.

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with the Community Planning Council of Yonkers, Inc. to operate the W. O. R. K. Program, under a portion of the County's Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SDPP) funding for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The funding amount for this program will be provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in an amount not-to-exceed \$45,000 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget. There is no match requirement for this funding stream therefore the total contract amount will not exceed \$45,000.

SDPP, which is funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, is a specific initiative targeted to youth with well-defined needs. SDPP supports services aimed at keeping youth from becoming involved or dependent upon the juvenile justice and/or human service systems. It also promotes efforts to reduce the need for longer term acute or chronic care services.

The Community Planning Council of Yonkers, Inc. WORK Program will recruit youth in community centers and high schools in Yonkers, who are 14-20 years old, assess their needs, provide job readiness training, refer them to jobs, monitor their progress and evaluate their performance.

2010 Outcomes:

- Of the 700 youth who sign up for the Program, 500 will complete the requirements for registration, as measured by the registration records of the Program;
- Of the 500 youth who complete their registration for the Program, 400 will complete their job readiness skills as measured by their attendance at workshops;
- Of the 400 youth who complete their job readiness training, 400 will be referred to a job opening as measured by the records of the WORK Program office.

The proposed Agreement is in the best interest of the County in terms of public safety because it provides them with the support they need to avoid high risk behaviors including gang involvement, substance abuse and criminal behavior due to lack of employment. If this resolution were not approved,

the tax payer would be faced with increased cost to address gang involvement, substance abuse and criminal behavior due to lack of employment.

Each of the goals and objectives as stated above will be tracked and monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual reports, Report Cards and by bi-yearly site visits from Youth Bureau Program Monitors.

This program was funded in 2009.

- Of the 700 youth who signed up for the Program, 699 youth completed the requirements for registration, as measured by the registration records of the Program; (199 more than contracted for)
- Of the 699 youth who completed their registration for the Program, 597 received written and verbal information on job readiness skills as measured by their attendance at individual counseling sessions; (197 more than contracted for)
- Of the 400 youth who completed their job readiness training, 597 youth were referred to 1,844 job openings as measured by the records of the WORK Program office (197 more than contracted for)

Pursuant to Act No. 19 – 2010 adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators on March 22, 2010 the County of Westchester was authorized to participate in a Resource Allocation Plan to provide State reimbursement for certain youth services programs which operate with funding provided by the County's Special Delinquency Prevention Program.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)xviii thereof. Nevertheless, in 2008 the Youth Bureau issued an RFP to cover the program years 2009 – 2011. This agency is one of 94 agencies that submitted a proposal in response to the RFP. However due to the precariousness of the funding stream from the state, the Youth Bureau deemed it appropriate to enter into one year contracts with this agency as opposed to a three year contract as stated in the above mentioned RFP. The agency has agreed to year to year contracts for the 2009 – 2011 period based upon appropriation and contract compliance.

An appropriate Resolution is attached hereto for your Honorable Board's consideration.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITIONS CONTRACT 15200 - JIMMY VEIRI SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Executive Director of the Westchester County Youth Bureau, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Community Planning Council of Yonkers, Inc. to operate the W. O. R. K. Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not-to-exceed Forty Five Thousand (\$45,000) Dollars to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. 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 period of 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 to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate their Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

	Fund	Dept. code	Unit #	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Account to be charged/credited SDPP	263	11	040K	4380	T040	\$45,000
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2010		Start Date	January 1, 2010	End Date	December 31, 2010
Funding Source	Tax Dollars _____ \$ _____					
	State Aid _____ \$45,000 _____					
\$45,000 (must match resolution)	Federal Aid _____ \$ _____					
	Other _____					