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Department of Social Services

Leonard G. Townes
Commissioner

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DATE: June 6, 2022

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Leonard G. Townes, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Organization for Adolescents, Inc. pursuant to which the County, through its Department of Social Services Safe Harbour Unit, will provide, *inter alia*, local travel for trafficked youth and staff as well as outreach to at-risk boys and labor trafficked youth for a term commencing on April 20, 2022 and continuing through September 30, 2023 for an amount not-to-exceed \$85,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the International Organization for Adolescents, Inc. ("IOFA"), pursuant to which the County, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, Safe Harbor Unit ("DSS"), will provide, *inter alia*, local travel for trafficked youth and staff as well as outreach to at-risk boys and labor trafficked youth for a term commencing on April 20, 2022 and continuing through September 30, 2023. In consideration for services rendered, IOFA will pay the County an amount not-to-exceed \$85,000, comprised of an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000 for transportation services, payable at the rate of \$10.80 per victim per trip, and an amount not-to-exceed \$65,000 for various outreach services.

IOFA is one of the first and most experienced organizations in the United States working to eliminate the trafficking and exploitation of adolescents through innovative programming that empowers and protects young people. Since 1999, IOFA has served hundreds of vulnerable and trafficked youth across the United States and abroad and provided training and technical assistance to thousands of organizations. Nationally, IOFA was a founding member of the Freedom Network USA and the Freedom Network Training Institute and served as a

Training and Technical Assistance Provider on Child Sex Trafficking to U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women grantees.

As the agreement is revenue generating, the provisions of the County Procurement Policy do not apply.

The agreement will serve a public purpose by providing direct services as part of the Westchester County Anti-Trafficking Task Force's Cooperative Agreement "Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking" with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime.

The goals of the agreement are to:

1. Conduct proactive investigations of human trafficking crimes within Westchester County in coordination and collaboration with local, state, regional, and federal law enforcement and regulatory agencies and social service providers.
2. Identify victims of all forms of human trafficking within Westchester County and offer a comprehensive array of restorative services to meet each victim/survivor's individualized needs.
3. Support the prosecution of trafficking crimes on state and federal levels.
4. Enhance community capacity to identify and report trafficking crimes by conducting training, public awareness, and outreach activities.

The objectives of the program are to provide transportation and outreach services to trafficked youth.

The agreement will be tracked and monitored by the DSS Office of Child Welfare.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend adoption of the Resolution attached hereto.

LGT/BG/jcg
Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Organization for Adolescents, Inc. ("IOFA"), pursuant to which the County, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, Safe Harbor Unit ("DSS"), will provide, *inter alia*, local travel for trafficked youth and staff as well as outreach to at-risk boys and labor trafficked youth for a term commencing on April 20, 2022 and continuing through September 30, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in consideration for services to be rendered, IOFA will pay the County an amount not-to-exceed \$85,000, comprised of an amount not-to-exceed \$20,000 for transportation services, payable at the rate of \$10.80 per victim per trip, and an amount not-to-exceed \$65,000 for various outreach services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute such documents and take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate 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	X059	4380	G059	85,000
263	22	X059	9852	G059	85,000

Budget Funding Year(s): Start Date: April 20, 2022 End Date: September 30, 2023
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$ 85,000
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars:

State Aid:
Federal Aid: 100%
Other: