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May 14, 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 Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. to operate the Youth Success program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in a total amount not to exceed \$60,563.

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. (the "Agency") to operate the Youth Success Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in a total amount not to exceed \$60,563, subject to appropriation and pursuant to an approved individual budget. The County Department of Social Services will provide Community Optional Preventive Services (COPS) funding in the amount of \$38,579 as well as the local tax levy match requirement in the amount of \$21,984 for a total contract amount of \$60,563.

The COPS funding is designed to support community/neighborhood based youth services and parenting programs aimed at reducing youth risk-taking behaviors. Examples of services include family resource centers, drop out prevention programs, parent skills training, mentoring and tutoring programs, independent living skills, job training and linkage with employment, pregnancy prevention, HIV/AIDS prevention, conflict resolution and gang and youth violence prevention.

This agreement will provide pre-employment training, apprenticeship and employment opportunities to 40 youth, ages 14–16, who are at high risk for out of home placement and/or are adjudicated PINS or JDs and who have serious emotional, behavioral and social problems.

The goals and objectives of this agreement are as follows:

- Of the 40 youth who will participate in the Youth Success program, 36 (90%) will have reduced recidivism rates and will not re-offend during their active enrollment in the program as evidenced by police and/or probation reports
- Of the 40 youth who will participate in the Youth Success program, 30 (75%) will have improved school attendance within 6 months of enrollment in the program as indicated by school attendance reports, probation records and data collected by the Office of Community Research
- Of the 40 youth who will participate in the Youth Success program, 30 (75%) will have at least one apprenticeship opportunity in the community as indicated in program case files

This agreement is in the best interest of the county in terms of public safety because it reduces the number of youth in the juvenile justice system by providing counseling, group support, job-readiness training and apprenticeship and employment opportunities to the young people. The program also saves taxpayer dollars by keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system and in their own communities.

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

This program was funded in 2009. The outcomes are as follows:

It should be noted that due to funding issues in January 2009, Youth Success continued to operate with only a few youth registered in the program. New Clients were not accepted into the program until funding was restored and it was clear that Youth Success could continue to operate as before. Therefore, new youth were not recruited into the program until July 2009. Because funding, once restored, only covered January 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009, Youth Success only served 28 youth in 2009, not the expected 40.

Outcomes for 2009:

- During 2009, 28 youth were registered in the Youth Success program. Of the 28, 27 youth, or 96% did not re-offend while participating in the program. In addition, no youth received a new PINS Diversion or PINS petition during participation in this program. This information is based on Probation reports indicating youth recidivism while on Probation.
- Due to the fact most youth enrolled in Youth Success during 2009 participated in the program between July and September 2009, school attendance records were not available or relevant during time of participation. However, data was collected on youth from the 2008-2009 school year and for youth who remained in the program after September 2009, data was again collected in November 2009. This only included 5 youth. All five youth had shown some improvement in attendance, however, it is unclear if this improvement was due to Youth Success participation, or the fact that most of the youth were either in a different grade with different teachers, or they were in a new school altogether. Therefore, relevant data can not be concluded upon at this time.
- Despite starting the program late into 2009, 10 youth or 64% had at least one apprenticeship opportunity during enrollment in the program. It should be noted that 5 of the 28 youth enrolled in Youth Success, did not start the program until November 2009, and therefore, were not eligible for an apprenticeship during 2009.

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.

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

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 Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. to operate the Youth Success Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in a total amount not to exceed Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Three (\$60,563) Dollars, subject to appropriation and pursuant to an approved individual budget. The County Department of Social Services will provide Community Optional Preventive Services (COPS) funding in the amount of Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Nine (\$38,579) Dollars as well as the local tax levy match requirement in the amount of Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Four (\$21,984) for a total contract amount of \$60,563; 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 that 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.

Original Agreement
 First Amendment
 This Amendment
 New Total Amount

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
DSS	263	11	613K	4380	T613	\$60,563

Budget Funding Year(s) Start Date January 1, 2010
 (must match resolution)

End Date December 31, 2010

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$21,984

Contractor Federal I.D. No./
 Social Security No.: _____

State Aid \$38,579
\$ 60,563 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution)

Vendor No.: 996557

Other _____

Encumbrance No.: YTH1018