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DATE: 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 the Nepperhan Community Center, Inc., to operate the Nepperhan Youth Corp II Program for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not-to-exceed \$28,346 payable pursuant to an approved budget.

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Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with the Nepperhan Community Center, Inc., to operate the Nepperhan Youth Corp II 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 \$28,346. There is no match requirement for this funding stream; therefore the total contract amount will not exceed \$28,346 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget.

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 Nepperhan Youth Corp II Program will target 30 youth ages 8-18, and provide a Summer Band Camp that includes physical fitness activity, violence and gang prevention, community building, music and dance instruction, male and female mentorship activities for adolescent youth, and leadership building activities.

The planned 2010 program outcomes are as follows:

- Of the 30 youth who will participate in the Youth Corp Band Camp program, 30 will develop an improved knowledge of gangs and their negative impact as measured by their attendance at the gang prevention workshops and pre/post tests administered.
- Of the 30 youth who will participate in the Youth Corp Band Camp program, 27 will develop an understanding of team building, as measured by performances in parades and special community events.
- Of the 30 youth who will participate in the Youth Corp Band Camp program, 23 will improve/achieve their conflict resolution skills by 60% as measured by staff observations, workshops and pre/post test scores.

This Agreement is in the best interest of the County in terms of public safety, by providing these young people with academic support, physical activity, violence prevention information, opportunities for community building, musical and drumming instruction through the implementation of a drum and bugle corp., male mentoring activities for adolescent males, and leadership building activities which will increase self esteem, allowing the youth to make positive choices.

This program was funded in 2009. Please note that the outcomes were achieved as indicated below:

Planned:

Of the 30 youth who will participate in the Youth Corp. Band Camp program, 100% (30) will develop an improved knowledge of gangs and their negative impact as measured by their attendance at the gang prevention workshops and pre-post tests administered.

Result:

Of the 30 youth who participated in the Youth Corp. Band Camp program, 35 developed an improved knowledge of gangs and their negative impact as measured by attendance at the gang prevention workshops and pre-post tests administered. (5 more than contracted for)

Planned:

Of the 30 youth who will participate in the Youth Corp Band Camp program, 90% (27) will develop an understanding of team building, as measured by performances in parades and special community events.

Result:

Of the 30 youth who participated in the Youth Corp Band Camp program, 35 developed an understanding of team building, as measured by performances in parades and special community events. (8 more than contracted for)

Planned:

Of the 30 youth who will participate in the Youth Corp Band Camp program, 75% (23) will improve/achieve their conflict resolution skills by 60% as measured by staff observations, workshops and pre/post test scores.

Result:

Of the 30 youth who participated in the Youth Corp Band Camp program, 35 improved/achieved their conflict resolution skills by 60% as measured by staff observations, workshops and pre/post test scores. (12 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.

## 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 Nepperhan Community Center, Inc., to operate the Nepperhan Youth Corp II Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not-to-exceed Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six (\$28,346.) Dollars payable 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	\$28,346	
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2010		Start Date	January 1, 2010		End Date	December 31, 2010
Funding Source	Tax Dollars _____ \$ _____						
	State Aid _____ \$28,346 _____						
\$28,346 (must match resolution)	Federal Aid _____ \$ _____						
	Other _____						