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DATE: May 4, 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 Yonkers Family YMCA to operate the Youth Employment Training II Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not-to-exceed \$50,000 payable pursuant to an approved budget.

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with the Yonkers Family YMCA (the "Agency") to operate the Youth Employment Training 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 \$50,000. There is no match requirement for this funding stream; therefore the total contract amount will not exceed \$50,000 payable 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 YMCA of Yonkers' Employment Training program will provide employment opportunities for 50 youth in media arts, web design, construction trades, fiscal filing and reporting, computer data management, human resources regulations and management.

Outcomes:

- Of the 50 youth who will participate in the Employment Training program 10 will participate in the video/sound/web design and writer's studio component as measured by the number completing the course.
- Of the 50 youth enrolled in the Employment Training program, 10 youth will participate in hands on production opportunities as measured by the attendances in special event projects.
- Of the 50 youth enrolled in the Employment Training program, at least 30 will create resumes as measured by the number of completed resumes placed in the participant files.

The proposed Agreement is in the best interest of the County in terms of public safety because it provides youth 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 taxpayer would be faced with increased costs to address gang involvement, substance abuse and criminal behavior due to lack of employment.

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

- Of the 50 youth who participated in the Employment Training program, 21 participated in meaningful employment opportunities as measured by the number of jobs acquired. (One more than contracted for)
- Of the 50 youth who participated in the Employment Training program, 21 participated in the video/sound/web design and writer's studio component as measured by the number completing the course. (Eleven more than contracted for)
- Of the 50 youth who participated in the Employment Training program, 10 participated in personal trainer or group trainer certification as measured by the number taking the certification courses.
- Of the 50 youth enrolled in the Employment Training program, 50 created resumes as measured by the number of completed resumes placed in the participant files. (Twenty more than contracted for)
- Of the 50 youth enrolled in the Employment Training program, 21 youth participated in hands on production opportunities as measured by the attendances in special event projects. (Eleven more than contracted for)
- Of the 50 youth enrolled in the Employment Training program, 30 participated in mock interviews as measured by the number of mock interviews recorded in their files.

Pursuant to Act No. 19 of 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 Yonkers Family YMCA to operate the Youth Employment Training II Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not-to-exceed Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) 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	\$50,000
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2010		Start Date	January 1, 2010	End Date	December 31, 2010
Funding Source	Tax Dollars _____ \$ _____					
	State Aid _____ \$50,000 _____					
\$ 50,000 (must match resolution)	Federal Aid _____ \$ _____					
	Other _____					