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September 9, 2010

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Mary Kate Cabaleiro, Coordinator
Westchester County Youth Bureau

RE: Authority to enter into an Agreement with the Town of Greenburgh, to operate the Blue Nile Rites of Passage program for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in a total amount not to exceed \$45,000

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with the Town of Greenburgh, to operate the Blue Nile Rites of Passage program for the period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in a total amount not to exceed \$45,000, subject to appropriation and pursuant to an approved individual budget.

The Blue Nile Rites of Passage program which will target Black and Latino males with the following risk factors:

- Risk of school dropout
- Low neighborhood attachment
- Low self esteem and image
- Males from single parent female headed households
- Poverty
- Lack of male role models

The Blue Nile Rites of Passage Program shall help children from the ages of twelve (12) to sixteen (16) make a healthy transition from childhood to adulthood by providing them with the tools necessary to resist unhealthy behaviors and the lure of a negative lifestyle. The Program's curriculum encompasses areas of knowledge needed to sustain and support a positive and productive life including: Personal Growth & Development, Health & Wellness, Spiritual Grounding, Community Consciousness, Historical Black Experience, Economic Awareness and Politics.

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, sexual activity, substance abuse and criminal behavior, and to manage pressure.

The planned outcomes for this program are:

- Of the 15 youth who complete the program, 9 youth who enter the program with a grade point average below 2.5 will increase that grade point average by .25 points by the end of their involvement in the program as measured by periodic progress reports and year end report cards
- Of the 15 youth involved in the program, 12 youth will show improvement in attitude and behavior at home and/or at school as measured by incident reports which will be viewed and evaluated weekly by the onsite coordinator and feedback from the parents from the beginning of the program period to the final month of the program
- Of the 15 youth participating in the program, 10 youth will have a more positive feeling about themselves and feel more confident in who they are as measured by pre and post tests

that will be given at the start of the program, in the middle of the program and at the end of the program

Each of the goals and objectives as stated above will be tracked and monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual reports, Report Cards and by a site visit from a Youth Bureau Program Monitor.

Pursuant to Act No. 64-2010 adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators on June 7, 2010, the County of Westchester was authorized to enter into an Agreement with the Town of Greenburgh, to operate the Blue Nile Rites of Passage program for the program period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in a total amount not to exceed \$45,000.

This program was not funded in 2008 through the Youth Bureau.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)xviii thereof.

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

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Coordinator 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 Town of Greenburgh, to operate the Blue Nile Rites of Passage program for the program period October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in a total amount not to exceed \$45,000, subject to appropriation and pursuant to an approved individual 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 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.

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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
263	11	992J	4380	992J	\$45,000

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 10/01/2009

End Date: 6/30/2010

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$45,000

State Aid _____

\$45,000 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)

Other _____

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