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DATE: August 12, 2011

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Mary Kate Cabaleiro, Coordinator
Westchester County Youth Bureau

RE: Authority to enter into an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. to operate the Young Parents Achieve II program, for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for a total amount not to exceed \$106,478

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc., ("WJCS") to operate the Young Parents II Achieve Program, under a portion of the County's Youth Services Program for the program period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The funding for this program will be provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in an amount not to exceed \$53,239 and by WJCS in an amount not to exceed \$53,239 for a total program amount not to exceed \$106,478 payable pursuant to an approved budget.

The Young Parents II Achieve Program will provide intensive case management to 82 pregnant and parenting adolescents in the County, specifically including the communities of White Plains, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, New Rochelle and Ossining, in order to help prevent them from dropping out of school and to support utilization of pre- and post-natal medical services. Secondary populations served through this program will include the offspring of parenting teens and participants of community forums.

The planned 2011 program outcomes are as follows:

- 80% of the pregnant and parenting youth participating in YPA and engaged in education (high school, GED, ESL) will continue/return to and complete school, GED, or ESL as evidenced by school attendance/academic records.
- 90% of the pregnant and parenting youth will not have a second pregnancy while engaged in the YPA Program as evidenced by medical records.
- 100% of the Peer Educators participating in the YPA program will develop one or more of the following skills:
 - Leadership skills
 - Public Speaking/presentation skills
 - Knowledge base of pregnancy prevention methods/tools
 - Advocacy skills

as evidenced by staff observation and evaluation and workshop presentation.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual reports, Report Cards and by bi-yearly site visits from Youth Bureau Program Monitors.

This program was funded in 2010. Please note the outcomes were achieved as indicated below:

- Of the pregnant/parenting youth who will participate in YPA, 80% will continue/return to school or enroll in a GED and/or ESL program following the birth of their child as measured by school attendance and academic records or the equivalent (GED). *21 out of 23 pregnant and parenting youth continued/returned to school or enrolled in a GED and/or ESL program following the birth of their child.*
- Of the pregnant/parenting youth who will participate in YPA, 90% will not have a second pregnancy before high school graduation as verified by documentation in case records. *Of the YPA participants, there were no repeat pregnancies in 2010.*
- Of the pregnant/parenting youth who will participate in YPA, 100% will not be subject to any CPS allegation of child abuse or neglect as noted by documentation in case records and verified through participants weekly involvement in individual counseling. *Out of 23 youth, 22 youth were not subject to a CPS allegation of child abuse or neglect.*

Pursuant to Act No. 109 – 2011 adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators on July 11, 2011 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 Youth Services 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 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 Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc., to operate the Young Parents Achieve II program, under a portion of the County's Youth Services Program for the program period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for a total amount not to exceed One Hundred Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight (\$106,478) Dollars payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding for this program will be provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in an amount not to exceed \$53,239 and by Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$53,239; 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 Agreements. 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.

Account to be charged/credited YDDP-YS	Fund	Dept. code	Unit #	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	11	188L	4380	T188	\$53,239
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2011		Start Date	January 1, 2011	End Date	December 31, 2011
Funding Source	Tax Dollars \$ _____					
	State Aid \$53,239 _____					
\$ 106,478 (must match resolution)	Federal Aid \$ _____					
	Other \$53,239 (agency match) _____					