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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 the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester, Inc. to operate the GEMS & Little Sisters in Kids Connection Program for the program period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in the total amount not-to-exceed \$125,194 payable pursuant to an approved budget

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester, Inc. (the "YWCA") to operate the GEMS & Little Sisters in Kids Connection 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 \$62,597 and by the YWCA in an amount not to exceed \$62,597 for a total program amount not to exceed \$125,194 payable pursuant to an approved budget.

The YWCA's GEMS & Little Sisters in Kids Connection program supports girls from elementary through their high school years. The girls get accurate helpful information on informed risking; health and wellness; gender-neutral careers; and visits by college career staff. Staff members address social skills and support interactions by providing activities where the girls can role play, have group discussion, and social outings.

The planned 2011 program outcomes are as follows:

- Of the 46 high school and middle school participants, 35 will learn methods of pregnancy prevention and gain knowledge of teen pregnancy statistics, which will be measured by pre and post testing, consultant evaluations and journaling. In addition the participants will have increased knowledge and understanding of sexually transmitted diseases, as well as risk behaviors such as drugs and alcohol.
- Of the 90 GEMS participants 77 will learn the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and will participate in sessions geared around fitness and nutrition. This will be measured by the use of the pedometer as well as pre and post tests.
- Of the 28 high school participants 21 will improve their knowledge of higher education institutes, both in state and out of state, by attending various college tours as measured by completed student evaluations and journaling.

Each of the goals and objectives as stated above 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 46 High school and Middle school participants, 35 will learn methods of pregnancy prevention and gain knowledge of teen pregnancy statistics, which will be measured by pre and post testing, consultant evaluations and journaling. In addition the participants will have increased knowledge and understanding of sexually transmitted diseases, as well as risk behaviors such as drugs and alcohol. *Of the 46 high school and middle school participants, 38 attended 5 workshops on pregnancy prevention, sexually transmitted diseases and the current teen pregnancy statistics and completed both journals and pre and post tests*
- Of the 90 GEMS participants 77 will learn the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and will participate in sessions geared around fitness and nutrition. This will be measured by the use of the pedometer as well as pre and post tests. *Of the 99 GEMS participants (9 more than contracted for), all 99 GEMS participated and completed the Health and Wellness Unit and learned the benefits of a healthy lifestyle geared around fitness and nutrition as measured by pre and post tests and the use of pedometers.*
- Of the 28 high school participants 21 will improve their knowledge of higher education institutes, both in state and out of state, by attending various college tours as measured by student evaluations and journaling. *Of the 28 high school students, 28 youth improved their knowledge of higher education institutes, both in state and out of state by attending the YWCA college fair as measured by attendance and completed student evaluations and 13 youth participated in an out of state college tour resulting in 4 youth attending colleges they visited during a college tour with GEMS.*

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 the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester, Inc. to operate the GEMS & Little Sisters in Kids Connection 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 program amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Four (\$125,194) 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 \$62,597 and by the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$62,597; 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.

	Fund	Dept. code	Unit #	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Account to be charged/credited YDDP-YS	263	11	188L	4380	T188	\$62,597
Budget Funding Year(s) <u>2011</u> Start Date <u>January 1, 2011</u> End Date <u>December 31, 2011</u> (must match resolution)						
Funding Source	Tax Dollars \$ _____					
	State Aid \$62,597 _____					
<u>\$ 125,194</u> (must match resolution)	Federal Aid \$ _____					
	Other \$62,597 (agency match) _____					