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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

23500

Date: December 7, 2011

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

Re: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Young Men's Christian Association of Central and Northern Westchester, NY, Inc. d/b/a Mount Vernon Family YMCA located at 20 South Second Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York to operate an emergency overnight center for up to eighteen (18) emergency shelter beds per night for the period from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not-to-exceed \$80,000 payable monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Young Men's Christian Association of Central and Northern Westchester, NY, Inc., d/b/a Mount Vernon Family YMCA located at 20 South Second Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York to operate an emergency overnight center for up to eighteen (18) emergency shelter beds per night for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not-to-exceed \$80,000 payable monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. There has been no increase in the amount requested for the 2012 agreement.

The services to be provided pursuant to the proposed agreement serve a **public purpose** by ensuring the health and safety of those who do not have a place to sleep during the night hours by providing an overnight shelter.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement are to provide a safe and supervised place for homeless individuals who are outside the County's formal shelter system to sleep at night. This program will keep homeless individuals off the streets during the night hours as well as protecting them from exposure to extreme weather conditions. The facility will accept customers from

January 1, 2012 through April 15, 2012 and from October 15, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Further, this service is in compliance with the NYS laws and regulations, NYCRR 18 part 491, requiring the provision of emergency housing for the homeless.

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interest of the County in terms of public health and public safety** because, through this contract, customers who are eligible to receive emergency housing services are provided linkages to programs to address their needs. Additionally, housing the targeted population will reduce the risk of them becoming victims of crime and general health-related issues that result from not having appropriate shelter. The services provided are aimed at improving the quality of life of the homeless population in the County

This agreement is also in the County's **best interest in terms of fiscal responsibility** in that the services and linkages provided by emergency shelter programs assist the homeless by providing up-front resources, thereby diverting some individuals from long-term shelter care, a more costly alternative.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. The tracking and monitoring include the submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as direct contact with the D.S.S. staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the program's success.

The **Department is able to report that the vendor's Performance Measurement Indicator** reflects that from January 1, 2011 through April 15, 2011 and October 15, 2011 through October 31, 2011, this facility has provided services for 100% of the people who sought this program's assistance. We are able to report the following:

- Total Number of Customers Served (unduplicated): 213

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3 (a) xiv.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into an agreement with Young Men's Christian Association of Central and Northern Westchester, NY, Inc. d/b/a Mount Vernon Family YMCA.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Young Men's Christian Association of Central and Northern Westchester, NY, Inc. d/b/a Mount Vernon Family YMCA located at 20 South Second Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York to operate an emergency overnight center for up to eighteen (18) emergency shelter beds per night for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 in an amount not-to-exceed \$80,000 payable monthly pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this agreement is subject to County appropriation; 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 this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further.

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2012	101	22	8900	5860	-----	\$80,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2012 Start Date: 1/1/12 End Date: 12/31/12
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: 71%
State Aid: 29%
\$80,000.00 Federal Aid:
(must match resolution) Other _____