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Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire,
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DATE: December 7, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the **Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Inc.** for the provision of shelter services as an alternative to jail for boys aged sixteen to twenty-one who have been arraigned and assigned to the program by a judge for the period from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$811,999 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

The County of Westchester requests authorization to enter into an agreement with the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Inc. to provide shelter services as an alternative to jail for boys aged sixteen to twenty-one who have been arraigned and assigned to the program by a judge for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$811,999 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. There has been a slight increase in the amount requested for 2012 and this is due to an increase in vendor's operating budget for this program in 2012.

The **public purpose** of the program is to assist at-risk youths to become educated, productive members of society, rather than marked by criminality and incarceration, thereby promoting a safer community for Westchester County residents.

The **goals and objectives** of the program are to provide shelter to youths who are awaiting disposition of criminal charges in various courts in Westchester County. The program provides varied support services to include, but not limited to, counseling, substance abuse treatment, food, shelter and medical care in a structure that emphasizes responsibility and individualized attention. Program participants are also enrolled in state certified high school education program.

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interest of the County in terms of public safety and the environment** as they are aimed at creating a safer environment for County residents by educating, motivating and providing the arraigned youth with opportunities to become better persons upon their final adjudication and release.

The goals and objectives are in **the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** as the program is designed to reduce the number of youth entering into the County's correctional facility, thereby reducing the associated cost.

The **goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored** using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. They include submission of monthly and quarterly reports in addition to meetings and other direct contact with D.S.S. staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the successful execution of the goals and objectives as detailed in the contract.

The **Department is able to report that the vendor's Performance Measurement Indicators** reflect that the shelter program met its goal of housing eligible youths. The facility accepted 100% of appropriate referrals during the 2011 contract period. As of 10/31/11, this program effectively served 62 youths of which 29 returned to their respective homes.

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (xviii) as the proposed agreement is for the purpose of youth service projects and other appropriate programs aimed at preventing youth crimes and advancing the moral, social and mental well-being of the youth in Westchester County.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into an agreement with the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Inc. for the above said purpose.

An appropriate resolution is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION CONTRACT 12/29/2011 PRIMARY VIERA SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with **Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Inc.** to operate a shelter as an alternative to jail for boys aged sixteen to twenty-one who have been arraigned and assigned to the program by a judge at a facility known as the Youth Shelter of Westchester for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 for an amount not to exceed \$811,999 to be paid 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 empowered to execute any document necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2012	101	22	8900	5630	-----	\$811,999

Budget Funding Year(s): 2012
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 01/01/12

End Date: 12/31/12

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 100%

State Aid:

\$811,999
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid:

Other: