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TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

DATE: February 9, 2012

RE: AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE ARREST POLICIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION ORDERS PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) AND SUBCONTRACT, WHERE APPROPRIATE, WITH THE LISTED AGENCIES IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER AND TRAIN POLICE, PROSECUTORS, THE JUDICIARY, ADVOCATES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND TERMINATING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

The attached resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to accept funding awarded under the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program from the Office on Violence Against Women of the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) in order to sustain the Family Justice Center ("FJC") and train police, prosecutors, the judiciary, advocates and service providers for a two-year period commencing October 1, 2011 and terminating September 30, 2013.

The Family Justice Center encompasses funding for the period October 1, 2011 and terminating September 30, 2013 for the following:

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| • Personnel and Fringe: Receptionist | \$89,667.00 |
| • Travel: Director and subcontractors | 22,000.00 |
| • Equipment: | 16,000.00 |
| • Supplies and Outreach | 24,619.00 |
| • IT related services | 53,086.00 |

and to subcontract with:

Director	200,000.00
Victims Assistance Services	136,242.00
Pace Women's Justice Center	163,815.00
My Sister's Place	95,919.00
Hope's Door	111,152.00
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	82,500.00
Hebrew Home at Riverdale	5,000.00

The program objectives are to strengthen the FJC's collaboration and referral system throughout the court complex; increase on-site services and efficacy at the FJC; expand current training and outreach; partner in New York statewide-automated Victim Notification of Protective Orders (VNPO); and increase FJC sustainability. Performance measures such as number of people trained, how many community response activities have been coordinated, and number of victims served will be monitored and tracked on a quarterly basis.

FJC provides services that centralize and streamline the process, eliminating the need for victims to go from agency to agency for services. Victims are safer getting help in one secure location, and do not have to retell and relive their abuse with each service provider. They benefit from the expertise of a multi-disciplined team, a uniform professional approach and shared policy of confidentiality and information sharing. Through the FJC, victims are able to concurrently meet their civil and criminal needs in one center which maintains a firewall to ensure confidentiality of information and helps guarantee their safety.

The proposed agreement will promote the public health, safety and general welfare by enhancing the safety and independence of victims of abuse. If victims are empowered to learn how to develop and maintain their own safety they are not as likely to return to dependence on their abusers, thereby reducing public safety costs and medical costs. If they are helped to empower themselves to be independent and self-sufficient they are not as likely to be dependent on public assistance.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

The requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy were followed; the procurement is exempt under Section 3(a)iii.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from Rocco A. Pozzi, Commissioner of Probation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into a grant agreement awarded under the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program from the Office on Violence Against Women of the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) and subcontract, where appropriate, with the listed agencies, to sustain the Family Justice Center for a two-year period commencing October 1, 2011 and terminating September 30, 2013, payable pursuant to an approved budget;

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Director	200,000.00
Victims Assistance Services	136,242.00
Pace Women's Justice Center	163,815.00
My Sister's Place	95,919.00
Hope's Door	111,152.00
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley	82,500.00
Hebrew Home at Riverdale	5,000.00
TOTAL	\$794,628.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be charged/credited:

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Revenue/ Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	39	103L	9852	T103	(\$1,000,000)
263	39	103L	1010	T103	\$59,667
263	39	103L	1650	T103	\$2,689
263	39	103L	1651	T103	\$4,565
263	39	103L	1680	T103	\$22,746
263	39	103L	2400	T103	\$16,000
263	39	103L	3240	T103	\$3,000
263	39	103L	3600	T103	\$6,500
263	39	103L	3700	T103	\$500
263	39	103L	4070	T103	\$1,000
263	39	103L	4110	T103	\$22,000
263	39	103L	4160	T103	\$4,000
263	39	103L	4380	T103	\$794,628
263	39	103L	5205	T103	\$16,789
263	39	103L	5250	T103	\$5,628
263	39	103L	5260	T103	\$40,288

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011-2013 **Start Date:** 10/1/2011 **End Date:** 9/30/2013

(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____

\$1,000,000

State Aid _____

(must match resolution)

Federal Aid \$1,000,000

Other _____