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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin McGuire
Commissioner

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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: May 2, 2013

Re: **Authority for the County to enter into an agreement with Family Services of Westchester, Inc. and Children's Village, Inc. to provide Aftercare to serve Children Transitioning from Out-of-home Foster Care for the term June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017 in the total amount not to exceed \$8,189,684 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations**

On December 5, 2013, the Westchester County Department of Social Services ("Department") issued a Request for Proposals for "Aftercare to serve Children Transitioning from Out-of-home Foster Care" (the "RFP"). The Department received ten proposals, and upon evaluation by a panel of Child Welfare staff, the proposals of Family Services of Westchester, Inc. and Children's Village, Inc. received the two highest scores based on the criteria contained in the RFP and were determined to have the lowest cost per child, to be the most cost effective and advantageous to the Department. It is therefore recommended that your Honorable Board authorize the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with Family Services of Westchester, Inc. and Children's Village, Inc. to provide aftercare for children transitioning from out-of-home foster care for the term June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017 in the annual amounts of \$982,762 and \$804,078 respectively, for a total not to exceed amount of \$8,189,684 for the term of both agreements (the "Agreements"), to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations. Family Services of Westchester, Inc. will serve the City of Mount Vernon and Children's Village, Inc. will serve the City of Yonkers with each providing service to the rest of the County on an equal basis.

The total not to exceed amount of each Agreement will be divided into annual amounts as follows:

Family Services of Westchester, Inc.: \$573,278 in 2013; \$982,762 in 2014; \$982,762 in 2015; \$982,762 in 2016; and \$982,762 in 2017;

Children's Village, Inc.: \$ 469,046 in 2013; \$804,078 in 2014; \$804,078 in 2015; \$804,078 in 2016; and \$804,078 in 2017.

The proposed Agreements will provide intensive, family-centered, home based services with a goal of reunification with a parent or another permanent resource, planned discharge to Another Planned Living Arrangement ("APPLA") or the youth aging out of care. These services are provided before and after foster care placement and can reduce time in foster care and recidivism. Aftercare will be provided for children transitioning from Voluntary Child Care Providers including Therapeutic Foster Boarding Homes, Group Homes, Congregate Care, Supervised Independent Living Program and diagnostic care. Comprehensive and coordinated services will be provided to children from birth to age 21 and their families at the earliest point when reunification seems likely and continuing for up to two years after discharge. The services to be provided will include intensive case management, as well as parenting and life skills training and preparation, mental health counseling, coaching in homemaking, budgeting assistance, job training opportunities as well as substance abuse treatment and relapse prevention.

The Agreement will serve the public purpose of helping children leaving foster care in being reunified with their parents, and successfully achieve independence through intensive case management and support services. This in turn has the goal of reducing both the length of stay in foster care and recidivism, thereby reducing the need for foster care services and saving taxpayer funds.

A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

KMM/DI
Attachment

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 agreements with Family Services of Westchester, Inc. in the annual amount of \$982,762.00, and with Children's Village, Inc. in the annual amount of \$804,078.00, to provide aftercare for children transitioning from out-of-home foster care for the term June 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017 in the total not to exceed amount of \$8,189,684 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these contracts are subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these Agreements are also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget ("State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of these Agreements. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State budget and/or 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 impact of any such budget(s) on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate these Agreements, 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 the agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

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

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2013	101	22	8900	5885	-----	\$521,162
	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$521,162
2014	101	22	8900	5885	-----	\$893,420
	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$893,420
2015	101	22	8900	5885	-----	\$893,420
	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$893,420
2016	101	22	8900	5885	-----	\$893,420
	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$893,420
2017	101	22	8900	5885	-----	\$893,420
	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$893,420

Budget Funding Year(s) : 2013 - 2017 Start Date 6/1/13 End Date 12/31/17
 (must match resolution)

		<u>5960</u>	<u>5885</u>
Funding Source	Tax Dollars:	27%	24%
	State Aid:	44%	38%
<u>\$8,189,684</u>	Federal Aid:	29%	38%
(must match resolution)	Other:		

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