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Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner

**38148**

DATE: January 24, 2014

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into agreements with New York University in the amount of \$10,000; the National Center for Social Work Trauma Education and Workforce Development in the amount of \$6,000, and with Family Ties, Inc. in the amount of \$25,848 as part of the Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled "Westchester Building Futures" for the period September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2014

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The County entered into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families ("HHS") to accept grant funds in the amount of \$360,000 (Award No. 90CA1812-01-00) to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled "Westchester Building Futures" for the period September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2014 (the "Grant"). Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department") to enter into agreements with New York University in the amount of \$10,000; the National Center for Social Work Trauma Education and Workforce Development in the amount of \$6,000 and with Family Ties, Inc. in the amount of \$25,848 utilizing Grant funds to provide services pursuant to the Grant for the term September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2014. The services to be provided by each of the contractors were made a part of the original grant application. New York University, Center on Coordinated Trauma Services in Child Welfare and Mental Health will provide training on the Trauma Systems Therapy Model pursuant to the proposed agreement. The National Center for Social Work Trauma Education and Workforce Development will provide training in trauma-informed child welfare practice and Family Ties will provide youth advisors and supervision for the Youth Advisory Committee pursuant to each of their proposed agreements.

The County was required to include the services and proposed contractors in the grant application and with less than one month to prepare the grant application, there was insufficient time to conduct a competitive solicitation. The public exigency exception to the competitive bidding requirements contained in 45 CFR 92.36 (d)(4)(a), therefore authorizes the award of the proposed agreements on a non-competitive basis and is exempt from the Common Grant rules. The proposed agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy (the "Policy") pursuant to Policy Section 3(a)(xi) as County funding for these proposed Agreements is pursuant to the aforementioned federal grant.

The proposed Agreements **shall serve a public purpose** by preventing youth homelessness within the County.

The **goals and objectives** of Westchester Building Futures ("WBF"), are a youth and community-driven two-year planning process to develop a detailed blueprint for transforming Westchester's system of public and private resources to prevent homelessness among youth emerging from our child welfare system that can be rigorously evaluated, thoroughly documented, and replicated nationwide.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreement are **in the County's best interest** regarding **fiscal responsibility** as it will reduce homelessness and dependence on public assistance that not only improves the economic situation of the program participants but of the County as well by reducing the County's public assistance expenditures.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreements are also **in the County's best interest** regarding **public health and safety** as it provides the funding for and operation of the aforementioned program that enables the obtainment of permanent housing and self-sufficiency that correspondingly improves the program participants' physical and psychological well-being and provides a safer and more stable overall environment.

The **performance measurement indicators** for the County WBF shall cross four outcome areas: Stable Housing, Permanent Connections, Social and Emotional Well-being and Education/Employment

The **goals and objectives** of the Agreements **shall be tracked and monitored** by the County that shall also include the results for the performance measurement indicators as aforementioned.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into the proposed Agreements.

I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

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**RESOLUTION**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into agreements to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled “Westchester Building Futures” with New York University, the National Center for Social Work Trauma Education and Workforce Development and with Family Ties, Inc in the amounts of \$10,000; \$6,000 and \$25,848 respectively for the term September 30, 2013 through September 29, 2014. The services to be provided pursuant to each of the proposed agreements are as follows:

**New York University**, Center on Coordinated Trauma Services in Child Welfare and Mental Health - training on the Trauma Systems Therapy Model;

**National Center for Social Work Trauma Education and Workforce Development** - training in trauma-informed child welfare practice;

**Family Ties, Inc.** - youth advisors and supervision for the Youth Advisory Committee ; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is authorized 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
263	22	526N	4380	T526	\$41,848

Budget Funding Year(s): 2013 -14      Start Date: 09/30/13      End Date: 9/29 /14  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source      Tax Dollars:  
 State Aid:  
\$41,848      Federal Aid: 100%  
 (must match resolution)      Other: