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Department of Social Services

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Date: December 5, 2014

To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition & Contract

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

Re: Authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with the Westchester Hispanic Coalition, Inc. for the provision of culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence case management services to Latinas for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

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The public purpose of this program is to provide culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence case management services that address the victimization and complex ramifications of sexual assault in the Latina immigrant community.

The goals and objectives of the Alianza Latina Contra Agresion Sexual Program (ALAS) are to provide culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence case management services to Latinas such as follows:

- Bilingual/bicultural 24/7 Hotline services

- Community-based teams of volunteer Crisis Counselor-Advocates
- Comprehensive outreach, education and service provision efforts grounded in local Hispanic community and implemented through established social networks.

The **goals and objectives of this program are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and public safety** as they are aimed at ensuring and enhancing the health and safety of the targeted population. The 24/7 hotline allows Westchester County residents to receive help in a domestic violence crisis situation by offering options and resources to maximize safety. The County ensures public safety by providing a safe environment to victims of domestic violence and their minor children.

The **goals and objectives are in the County's best interest in terms of fiscal responsibility** as they are designed to reduce the number of domestic violence incidents which will in turn reduce the costs linked with official emergency response.

The **goals and objectives** will be monitored using the performance measurement indicators developed by the department. The vendor will submit monthly statistics and quarterly performance reports in the format approved by the Department. The Program office will be responsible for setting the milestones and tracking their achievements.

The Department is able to report that the agency has successfully met its goal in serving the targeted population and performing crisis interventions.

The contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) xiv as all the clients served under this program are in need of public assistance. The proposed agreement is exempt from the application of the Federal Common Grant Rule as it falls under the Social Service Block Grant.

Approval of the annexed resolution by your Honorable Board is respectfully requested.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Westchester Hispanic Coalition, Inc. for the provision of culturally specific sexual assault and domestic violence case management services to Latinas who are in need of public assistance for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this contract 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 execute any document and take any action reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be charged/credited:

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2015	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$100,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 01/01/15 End Date: 12/31/15

Funding Source

\$100,000
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: 15%
State Aid: 15%
Federal Aid: 70%
Other:

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 01/08/2015 JOMARY WILPA, SECRETARY