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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE:

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin McGuire, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority for the County to enter into an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. in order to provide a Youth Leadership Program for eligible youth aging out of Westchester County Department of Social Services (“WCDSS”) foster care or youth who have recently aged out of WCDSS foster care and are currently receiving after care services through WCDSS for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, with the County having the sole option to extend the term of the agreement for two (2) additional three (3) year periods for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the initial term of the agreement and for each option year

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the “County”) to enter into an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. in order to provide a Youth Leadership Program for eligible youth aging out of Westchester County Department of Social Services (“WCDSS”) foster care or youth who have recently aged out of WCDSS foster care and are currently receiving after care services through WCDSS for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 with the County having the sole option to extend the term of the agreement for two (2) additional three (3) year periods, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the initial term of the agreement and for each option year.

On October 23, 2014, the Department of Social Services (the “Department”) issued a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to solicit proposals from vendors to order to provide a Youth Leadership Program for eligible youth aging out of Westchester County Department of Social Services (“WCDSS”) foster care or youth who have recently aged out of WCDSS foster care who are currently receiving after care services through WCDSS. In response to this RFP, the Department received 3 proposals. After a thorough evaluation of the proposals, the County has selected the highest ranking proposal submitted by Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. (“Family

Ties”) based on criteria as set forth in the RFP. Family Ties has, for many years, provided similar services solicited by the RFP. Based on Family Ties’ past performance and its current proposal, the County is confident that Family Ties is a responsible vendor for these services.

The proposed agreement will serve a public purpose by preventing youth homelessness within the County.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are a critical leadership role in Westchester Building Futures (“WBF”) which is 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 agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health, as the program 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 goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department’s program office using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department as well as through contact with the vendor regarding issues that arise.

I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

KMM/eo

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. ("Family Ties") in order to provide a Youth Leadership Program for eligible youth aging out of Westchester County Department of Social Services ("WCDSS") foster care or youth who have recently aged out of WCDSS foster care and are currently receiving after care services through WCDSS for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 with the County having the sole option to extend the term of the agreement for two (2) additional three (3) year periods for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the initial term of the agreement and for each option year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this agreement is subject to County appropriations; 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 all documents and take any actions 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
101	22	8900	5885	----	\$150,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015 Start Date: 01/01/15 End Date: 12/31/15
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: 22%
State Aid: 35%
\$150,000 Federal Aid: 43%
(must match resolution) Other :