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DATE: January 28, 2015

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. to operate a shelter with a total expanded capacity of 18 beds for single homeless women at a facility known as the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers located at 87 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$231,127 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

The County of Westchester requests authorization to enter into an agreement with the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. to operate a shelter with a total expanded capacity of 18 beds for single homeless women at a facility known as the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers located at 87 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$231,127 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

The services to be provided pursuant to the proposed agreement serve a **public purpose** by assisting the County to provide immediate emergency shelter to eligible homeless women. These services are aimed at improving the quality of life for the homeless population in the County by assisting the population served in achieving a successful transition from welfare to self-sufficiency and economic independence while providing them with shelter and supportive services.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed agreement are to provide shelter to homeless women, 24-hour supervision, shared kitchen facilities, counseling as well as supportive services, including assistance in finding permanent housing, assistance with seeking and obtaining employment and casework services. The program will also provide life skills workshops and transportation in addition to linkages to programs to address medical and mental health needs.

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interests of the County in terms of public health and public safety** as they are aimed at enhancing and ensuring the health and safety of the targeted population. The program promotes safety by providing vulnerable women with 24-hour

supervision and housing. This program creates a safe haven for the targeted population. Housing single women will reduce the risk of them becoming victims of crime and developing general health related issues that result from inadequate and inappropriate shelter.

The goals and objectives are in the County's **best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility** as the services provided assist single women in finding permanent housing, thereby decreasing the cost associated with providing emergency housing. Additionally, program participants, through referrals to employment services, may become gainfully employed, thereby reducing their dependency on public assistance.

The **goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored** through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The agency submits monthly statistics and quarterly reports. The agency also contacts the DSS staff directly to address any impediments to the program's success.

The **Department is able to report that the vendor's Performance Measurement Indicators** reflect that the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers shelter program met its goal of housing eligible customers referred by the Department. During the 2014 contract period, the program operated at 100% contract capacity.

- Average Length of Stay for all customers: 484 days
- 5 customers secured permanent housing

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) (xiv). This program is exempt from the Federal Common Grant Rule as there is no federal funding for this program.

Therefore, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into an agreement with the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers, Inc. to operate a shelter program for single homeless women at a facility known as the Y.W.C.A. of Yonkers located at 87 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed \$231,127 to be paid monthly 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 authorized designee is empowered to execute any document necessary to implement 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	5860	-----	\$231,127

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

Start Date: 1/1/2015 End Date: 12/31/2015

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 71%

State Aid: 29%

\$231,127

Federal Aid:

(must match resolution)

Other: