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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: April 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. to provide, through its Rape Crisis Program, crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence for a total amount not-to-exceed \$278,136 for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with The Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. ("WestCOP") to provide, through its Victims Assistance Services Program ("VAS"), crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence, for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$278,136, to be paid quarterly pursuant to an approved budget. The funding amount per year will not exceed \$92,712.

Through VAS' Rape Crisis Program, WestCOP provides supportive casework and counseling services to victims of rape, sexual assault and sexual abuse in Westchester County. In addition to providing counseling and assistance services to residents of Westchester County who have been victims of rape and child victims who have witnessed violence, WestCOP provides clinical services to adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, families of rape victims and special populations including adolescents.

In addition, the Rape Crisis Program utilizes volunteers for many services. These volunteers assist with answering hotlines, act as hospital advocates, and assist in evening and/or weekend community event presentations.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing immediate crisis intervention to rape victims as well as services and support to children who witness violence, including domestic violence and sexual assault.

The annual goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are as follows:

- to provide immediate crisis intervention information and referral for approximately 450 victims of rape through its 24-hour Rape Crisis helpline
- to accompany approximately 65 rape victims through the forensic exam process
- to provide five trainings on rape and sexual assault to law enforcement through the Westchester County Police Academy
- to provide 45 presentations to college students and/or staff

During the previous contract year, WestCOP provided:

- immediate crisis intervention information and referral for 488 victims of rape through its 24-hour Rape Crisis helpline
- accompaniment for 82 rape victims through the forensic exam process
- five trainings on rape and sexual assault to law enforcement through the Westchester County Police Academy
- 48 presentations to college students and/or staff

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

The procurement of the proposed Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (viii) thereof, which exempts contracts with agencies engaging healthcare workers.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with The Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. ("WestCOP") to provide, through its Victims Assistance Services Program ("VAS"), crisis intervention services to victims of rape and services to children who have been victims of or witnesses to violence, for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$278,136, to be paid quarterly pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding amount per year will not exceed \$92,712; 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 be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions 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	Funding Year
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$92,712	2015
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$92,712	2016
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$92,712	2017

Budget Funding Year(s) 2015-2017 **Start Date:** 1/1/2015 **End Date:** 12/31/2017
 (must match resolution)

\$278,136
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Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$278,136
 State Aid
 Federal Aid
 Other