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DATE: April 30, 2015

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. for the provision of its Safe Harbour Program for the period March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for an amount not to exceed \$89,741 by changing the end date of the agreement from December 31, 2014 to January 31, 2015 at no cost to the County

On April 10, 2014, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. ("Children's Village") pursuant to which Children's Village will provide its Safe Harbour Program (the "Program"), a multi-faceted approach to supporting and serving youth who have been sexually exploited, for a term beginning on March 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2014 for an amount not to exceed Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One (\$79,741) Dollars to be paid pursuant to an approved program budget and subject to appropriation. The agreement was subsequently executed.

On November 20, 2014, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend the agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. by increasing the amount not to exceed by \$10,000 from an amount not to exceed \$79,741 to a new total amount not to exceed \$89,741 to be paid pursuant to an approved program budget and subject to appropriation. The amendment was subsequently executed.

Authority is now requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Social Services, to further amend the Agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. by changing the end date of the agreement from December 31, 2014 to January 31, 2015. The extension is requested based on instruction received from the New York State Office of Children & Family Services advising the department that the services rendered in the month of January 2015 are to be claimed against Safe Harbour 2014 Grant in order to benefit from the 100% reimbursement received from this NY State grant.

The public purpose of this Program is to protect and serve exploited youth, thereby promoting public safety.

The goals and objectives of the Program are to strengthen the County's ability to serve sexually exploited youth in Westchester County.

Target Referral: The definition of sexually exploited youth is quite broad and refers to a continuum of behaviors and circumstances ranging from being sexually abused by a family member or friend to being forced into the sex trade for food, money, or shelter- to being a victim of sexual assault or trafficked. All of the youth in this program, whether they have been previously charged with a crime or not, are victims of sexual assault and child sexual abuse.

Program performance will be tracked through milestones such as:

- Youth outreach and engagement measured by youth participation, attendance and program completion
- Youth reduced criminal behavior and/or satisfy the requirements of court or probation measured by arrest and/or probation report
- Youth involvement in pro-social positive activities including education, volunteer, employment, or recreational activity; measured by confirmation of youth participation in one of the aforementioned activities

The Department is able to report that since the inception of the Safe Harbour team in 2014, through our collaboration with Children's Village and the Department of Social Services Cross systems Unit (CSU), 79 youth have been identified and 20 have been confirmed as sexually exploited minors through NYS OTDA trafficking confirmation process identifying force, fraud or coercion.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement as amended shall remain unchanged.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting authority to amend an agreement with The Children's Village Inc. for the aforesaid purpose. An appropriate resolution is attached herewith for your Honorable Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. for the provision of the Safe Harbour Program for the period March 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 in a total amount not to exceed \$89,741 by changing the end date of the agreement from December 31, 2014 to January 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement as amended shall remain unchanged; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s): N/A
(must match resolution)

Start Date: N/A

End Date: 01/31/2015

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: N/A

State Aid: N/A

\$N/A
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid: N/A

Other: N/A