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**46912**

DATE: May 21, 2015

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin McGuire  
Commissioner of Social Services

SUBJECT: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. for the provision of its Safe Harbour Program for the period February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to be paid pursuant to an approved program budget and subject to appropriation**

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Authority is hereby requested for 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 support and serve youth who have been sexually exploited for a term February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars to be paid pursuant to an approved program budget and subject to appropriation.

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. This includes a combination of individual clinical services, psycho-educational process groups, creative expression groups, as well as being more intentional this year with offering access to the programming and services available and the Children's Village Education and Employment Center. In addition, the program provides a strong push towards

providing the participants with the opportunity for them to further their education and gain the invaluable job readiness skills required for them to acquire gainful employment.

These modalities will be blended, complimentary, and structured to help participants to process trauma, build self-esteem, establish coping mechanisms, promote personal and financial independence, and help achieve a higher level of functioning.

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 these 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.

This agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) (xviii) as this contract is for the purpose of the providing programs for the advancement of the moral, physical, mental and social wellbeing of the youth of Westchester County.

The funding for this program is through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

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

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 06/25/2015 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

**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 (the “Department”), is authorized 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 support and serve youth who have been sexually exploited for a term February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars to be paid pursuant to an approved program 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 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 either to 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 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
263	22	487Q	4380	T487	\$100,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015      Start Date: 02/01/15      End Date: 12/31/15

(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars:  
State Aid: 100%  
Federal Aid:  
Other:

**\$100,000**  
(must match resolution)