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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Robert P. Astorino
Westchester County Executive

Hon. Michael B. Kaplowitz, Chairman
Westchester County Board of Legislators

Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: March 29, 2016

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with The LOFT: Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc. to provide information, education and training for Westchester's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, their families, and service providers seeking support for clients, for a term commencing January 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2016, for an amount not-to-exceed \$33,000

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 LOFT: Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc. (the "LOFT") pursuant to which the LOFT will provide information, education and training for Westchester's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender ("LGBT") community, their families, and service providers seeking support for LGBT clients, for a term commencing January 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2016, for an amount not-to-exceed \$33,000, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget.

Founded in 1983, the LOFT is a nexus for information, crisis assistance, peer counseling, and professional referrals and provides culturally competent services to meet the health and wellness needs of the LGBT community. There is a great need for staff with crisis intervention and educational skills and expertise in the areas of HIV and AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse awareness and homelessness, and the LOFT is uniquely qualified to provide this type of service.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing information, education and training for Westchester's LGBT community, their families, and service providers seeking support for LGBT clients.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are for the LOFT to provide five cultural competence/educational trainings and participate in 10 community events reaching approximately 1,435 participants, as well as assist 1,870 helpline callers, as it had done in the previous contract year.

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)(ix) thereof, which exempts contracts with teachers, lecturers, and other educational professionals or experts.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 05/26/2016 - USA MR/IAJ, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Executive, the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and 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 LOFT: Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc. (the "LOFT") pursuant to which the LOFT will provide information, education and training for Westchester's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender ("LGBT") community, their families, and service providers seeking support for LGBT clients, for a term commencing January 1, 2016 and continuing through December 31, 2016, for an amount not-to-exceed \$33,000, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget; 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(s)
101	52	2508	5100	N/A	\$33,000	2016

Budget Funding Year(s) 2016 **Start Date:** 1/1/2016 **End Date:** 12/31/2016
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$33,000
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid _____
 Other _____

\$33,000
 (must match resolution)