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Commissioner

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DATE: April 7, 2016

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with Fordham University in the amount of \$145,000 for program evaluation consulting services as part of the Youth Homeless Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures for the term September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016.

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Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with Fordham University in the amount of \$145,000 to provide program evaluation consultant services for the term from September 29, 2015 through September 30, 2016, pursuant to a grant with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families ("HHS") (Award No. 90CA1837-01-00) to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures (the "Grant Agreement"), which was previously authorized by your Honorable Board.

Fordham University is providing \$27,030 in in kind services pursuant to the Grant Agreement. Therefore, the proposed Agreement with Fordham University will be at no cost to the County.

Because this is a Renewal Grant, this contract is not subject to the competitive procurement requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (formerly, the Grants Management Common Rule) and therefore the agreement with Fordham University may be renewed on a non-competitive basis pursuant to 24 CFR 583.235(a). The proposed agreements, above are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy (the "Policy") pursuant to Policy Section 3(a)(xi) as County funding for this proposed Agreement is pursuant to the Grant Agreement.

The proposed Agreement **will serve a public purpose** by preventing youth homelessness within the County.

The **goals and objectives** of Westchester Building Futures (“WBF”), are to implement a youth and community-driven second-year planning process to develop a detailed blueprint for transforming Westchester’s system of public and private resources to prevent homelessness among youth emerging from our child welfare system that can be rigorously evaluated, thoroughly documented, and replicated nationwide.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreement are **in the County’s best interest** regarding **fiscal responsibility** as it will reduce homelessness and dependence on public assistance that not only improves the economic situation of the program participants but of the County as well by reducing the County’s public assistance expenditures.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed Agreement are also **in the County’s best interest** regarding **public health and safety** as the operation of the program to obtain permanent housing and self-sufficiency that correspondingly improves the program participants’ physical and psychological well-being and provides a safer and more stable overall environment.

The **performance measurement indicators** for the County WBF will cross four outcome areas: Stable Housing, Permanent Connections, Social and Emotional Well-being and Education/Employment.

The **goals and objectives** of the agreement **will be tracked and monitored** by the County that will include performance measurement indicator results.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into the proposed Agreement with Fordham University. I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board’s approval of the attached Resolution.

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# RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Fordham University in the amount of \$145,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget, to provide program evaluation consulting services pursuant to the Youth Homeless Prevention Initiative entitled "Westchester Building Futures" for the period from September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016 (the "Agreement"); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents 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
263	22	526Q	4380	T526	\$145,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015-16 Start Date: 09/30/15 End Date: 9/29/16  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source  
\$145,000  
(must match resolution)

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