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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: October 12, 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 \$148,598 for program evaluation consulting services and with Student Advocacy, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 for educational assessments and student advocacy services as part of the Youth Homeless Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures for the term September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2017.

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 \$148,598 to provide program evaluation consultant services and with Student Advocacy, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000, for the term from September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2017, pursuant to a grant with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families ("HHS") (Award No. 90CA1837-02-00) to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures (the "Grant Agreement"), which was previously authorized by your Honorable Board.

In addition, Fordham University is providing \$27,030 in in kind services pursuant to the Grant Agreement.

Because the federal funding for this program is through a Non-Competing Continuation Grant, the agreements with Fordham University and with Student Advocacy, Inc. may be entered into on a non-competitive basis because the awarding agency authorizes noncompetitive awards pursuant to 24 CFR 92.36(d)(4). 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”), is 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 is **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 is 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 Grant 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 Agreements with Fordham University and Student Advocacy, Inc. I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board’s approval of the attached Resolution.

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R E S O L U T I O N

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 \$148,598 to provide program evaluation consulting services and with Student Advocacy, Inc. in the amount of \$40,000 for educational assessments and student advocacy services, for the term from September 30, 2016 through September 29, 2017, payable pursuant to an approved budget, as part of the Youth Homeless Prevention Initiative entitled “Westchester Building Futures”; 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	526R	4380	T526	\$188,598

Budget Funding Year(s): 2016 -17 Start Date: 09/30/16 End Date: 9/29 /17
(must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars:
<u>\$188,598</u> (expense)	State Aid:
(must match resolution)	Federal Aid: <u>100%</u>
	Other: