



George Latimer
County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

65623

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: October 11, 2018

Re: **Authority for the County to accept a grant from the Redlich Horowitz Foundation in the sum of \$230,000 to increase family-based placement, including Kinship foster care, and reduce congregate care placement for customers of the Department of Social Services receiving foster care services and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the term commencing May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020.**

The Department of Social Services (“Department”) applied for a grant from the Redlich Horowitz Foundation for Increasing Family-based Care in New York Counties, and was awarded a grant in the sum of \$230,000 (the “Grant”), to increase the use of family-based placements (including kinship foster homes), particularly therapeutic foster homes in order to reduce the use of congregate foster care and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to implement the grant for the term May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020 (“MOU”). The funds received from this grant will fund 82% of the salary of a Department Program Administrator (Family-based care and Permanency Champion), will be paid pursuant to an approved budget and will further enable the Department to empower its customers to become independent and to ensure the health, safety and protection of vulnerable children in Westchester County. The County will provide a match in the sum of \$133,586 over the term of the Grant, of in-kind Department services including salaries and benefits. Due to delays in implementing the program, a resolution adopted by your Honorable Board on July 20, 2017 to accept a grant from the Redlich Horowitz Foundation in the sum of \$240,000 for the term July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding was never entered into and grant funds were never disbursed, therefore, the current request is being made to authorize a separate MOU and Grant.

Authority is therefore requested to accept the Grant and enter into a MOU with the Redlich Horwitz Foundation to increase family-based foster care and reduce congregate care in Westchester County in the sum of \$230,000 for the term May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020.

Pursuant to the proposed Grant and MOU the County would have the goal of reducing placement in congregate care to 15% over the term of the Grant.

The Grant and MOU would serve the public purpose of providing fund to reduce foster care placements in congregate care, thereby saving taxpayer funds. The MOU would also potentially allow families to stay together avoiding institutional foster care placement.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to authorize the County to accept the Grant and enter into an MOU with Redlich Horwitz foundation. A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

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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 is hereby authorized to accept a Grant from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation in the sum of \$230,000 to increase the use of family-based placements (including kinship foster homes), particularly therapeutic foster homes in order to reduce the use of congregate foster care in Westchester County for the term May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020 and to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to implement the Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered 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	904T	9856	T904	\$230,000

Budget Funding Year(s) :2018
(must match resolution)

Start Date 5/1/18 End Date 4/30/20

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: N/A

State Aid: N/A

\$230,000
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid: N/A

Other: 100%

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