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Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: November 2, 2018

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Authority to amend agreements with the Children's Village, Inc. and Fordham University for the BraveLife Intervention Program in order to extend the term of each agreement through September 29, 2019 and to increase the amount of each agreement by \$250,454 and \$206,107 respectively for the extended term.

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: (i) amend the agreement with Children's Village Inc. in order to extend the term of the agreement through September 29, 2019 and increase the amount of said agreement by an additional \$250,454, from an amount not to exceed \$250,454 to a total not to exceed amount of \$500,908, in connection with the BraveLife Intervention program to provide youth involvement and experience with trauma-informed child welfare professionals focusing of the elimination of homelessness among at-risk youth with foster care histories; and (ii) to amend the agreement with Fordham University in order to extend the term of the agreement through September 29, 2019 and increase the amount of said agreement by an additional \$206,107, from an amount not to exceed \$192,011 to a total not to exceed amount of \$398,118, to provide program evaluation consultant services.

The proposed agreements are funded pursuant to a grant with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families ("HHS") (Award No. 90CA1837-03-01) to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures – Phase Two Extension (the "Grant Agreement"), which was previously authorized by your Honorable Board on August 23, 2018.

Because the federal funding for the Grant is a Non-Competing Continuation Grant, the agreements with the Children's Village, Inc. and with Fordham University 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 Agreements **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 fifth year planning and implementation 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 Agreements 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 Agreements 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 improves the program participants' physical and psychological well-being and provides a safer and more stable overall environment.

The **performance measurement indicators** for 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 Department that will include performance measurement indicator results.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County to enter into the proposed agreements with the Children's Village, Inc. and with Fordham University. 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 (“County”) is hereby authorized to amend its agreement with the Children’s Village, Inc. in order to extend the term of the agreement for one additional year through September 29, 2019 and increase the amount not to exceed by an additional \$250,454, from an amount not to exceed \$250,454 to a total not to exceed amount of \$500,908 in connection with the BraveLife Intervention Program; and (ii) to amend its agreement with Fordham University in order to extend the term of the agreement for one additional year through September 29, 2019 and increase the amount not to exceed by an additional \$206,107, from an amount not to exceed \$192,011 to a total not to exceed amount of \$398,118, to provide program evaluation consultant services, and both agreements shall be payable pursuant to an approved budget with funding pursuant to a grant with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (“HHS”) (Award No. 90CA1837-03-01) to provide a Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures –Phase Two Extension, and be it further

RESOLVED that all other terms and conditions of each agreement shall remain in full force and effect; 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.

Original agreements: \$442,465
 These amendments: 456,561
 TOTAL \$899,026

Account to be
 Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	526S	4380	T526	\$250,454
263	22	526S	4380	T526	\$206,107

Budget Funding Year(s): 2018 -19 Start Date: 09/30/18 End Date: 9/29/19
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars:
\$456,561 (expense) State Aid:
 Federal Aid: 100%
 must match resolution) Other: