



Westchester Community College

State University of New York

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February 21, 2020

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Dr. Belinda S. Miles
President

Re: Authority for the County of Westchester, acting by and through Westchester Community College (the "College"), to enter into an agreement with The Research Foundation for the State University of New York ("SUNY Research Foundation") pursuant to which the SUNY Research Foundation will provide grant funds to the College

The Research Foundation for the State University of New York ("SUNY Research Foundation") has been awarded a grant from the Education Commission of the States in order to carry out a project entitled "Strong Start to Finish." Westchester Community College (the "College") has been named a sub-awardee of this grant in order to participate in the Strong Start to Finish Program.

In accordance with the Strong Start to Finish Program and the grant agreement, the College will use the grant funds to pay for professional development for faculty, staff, and administrators on student success strategies and community college reforms that support the Strong Start to Finish Initiative's core principles related to academic direction, college-level English and math, academic/non-academic supports, remediation, aligned programs of study, and the effective use of data.

Thus, authority is hereby requested to authorize the College to enter into a grant agreement with the SUNY Research Foundation, having a term of April 30, 2019 to February 15, 2021, in a total amount not-to-exceed \$25,000.00. In accordance with the terms of the grant agreement, the parties will agree to cross indemnify, hold harmless and defend the other party and its directors, officers, employees, subconsultants, agents and representatives against all claims, including without limitation attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the grant

agreement or any other action arising in connection with the grant agreement, provided, the indemnified party's actions are not based upon negligence or willful misconduct.

The agreement shall serve a public purpose since it will assist the College to improve student outcomes and success. The agreement and the program's results will be monitored by College faculty and personnel. This agreement is exempt from the operation of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(iii) in that is an agreement with an agency of the State of New York.

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the attached resolution.

BSM/jpi

Encls.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 03/19/2020 - USA MUNICIPAL SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the President of Westchester Community College, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through Westchester Community College, is authorized to enter into an agreement with The Research Foundation for the State University of New York, in a total amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for the period of April 30, 2019 to February 15, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the terms of the grant agreement, the parties will agree to cross indemnify, hold harmless and defend the other party and its directors, officers, employees, subconsultants, agents and representatives against all claims, including without limitation attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the grant agreement or any other action arising in connection with the grant agreement, provided, the indemnified party's actions are not based upon negligence or willful misconduct; 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 instruments and to take all action necessary to implement the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Sub Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	703	9997	9531		9700	T-531	25,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2019-21 Start Date 4/30/19 End Date 2/15/21

(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$25,000 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution)

Other _____ Revenue _____