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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

OnBase ID# 76096

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: April 15, 2020

Re: **Authority for the County of Westchester (“County”) to enter into an agreement to accept a grant from the Redlich Horowitz Foundation to provide Covid-19 technology funding in the sum of \$30,000 to provide laptops for approximately 75 children and youth in foster care and receiving in-home prevention services to enable remote schoolwork, and to enable youth welfare staff to provide service plan reviews and family team meetings remotely for the term April 15, 2020 through April 14, 2021.**

The County, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“Department”), applied to the Redlich Horowitz Foundation (“Redlich Horowitz”) for grant funding to provide technology funding for children in foster care during the Covid-19 pandemic while education is being provided remotely and shelter at home orders make providing Departmental services difficult. Authority is hereby requested for your Honorable Board to authorize the County to enter into an agreement to accept the sum of \$30,000 (“Grant Funds”) from Redlich Horowitz for the term April 15, 2020 through April 14, 2021 to provide tablets and laptops during the Covid-19 pandemic to approximately 75 children and youth in foster care and receiving in-home prevention services to enable remote schoolwork and enable youth welfare staff to provide service plan reviews and family team meetings remotely. The tablets and laptops will remain the property of the County and will be sanitized and redeployed to families with children in need as the Department evaluates and determines where the need is most acute.

Because the acceptance of the Grant Funds is not a procurement, the terms of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

The Grant will serve the public purpose of providing funds to enable children and youth in foster care and receiving in-home prevention services to utilize tablets and laptops at no cost to taxpayers. Accepting the Grant Funds will enable the children/youth to have easier access to schoolwork and the Department staff to provide service plan reviews and family team meetings remotely.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to authorize the County to enter into an agreement to accept Grant Funds from Redlich Horowitz in the sum of \$30,000. A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 04/23/2020 USAIRIJAJ, SECRETARY

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 enter into an agreement in order to accept a grant from the Redlich Horowitz Foundation in the sum of \$30,000 to provide technology funding to purchase laptops for use by children and youth in foster care and receiving in-home prevention services in Westchester County during the Covid-19 Pandemic for the term April 15, 2020 through April 14, 2021; 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	\$30,000

Budget Funding Year(s) : Start Date 4/15/20 End Date 4/14/21
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: N/A
 State Aid: N/A
\$30,000 Federal Aid: N/A
 (must match resolution) Other: X