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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner

[76522]

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: May 4, 2020

Re: **Authority for the County to enter into an Agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. ("Children's Village") to provide the Covid-19 Rapid Response Program to provide tablets and 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 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget.**

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Authority is requested for your Honorable Board to authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services ("Department"), to enter into an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. ("Children's Village") for the Covid-19 Rapid Response Program 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, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"). 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.

The funds to be utilized for the proposed agreement were provided through a grant from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation which was approved by your Honorable Board on April 23, 2020.

The Agreement will serve the **public purpose** of enabling children and youth in foster care and receiving in-home prevention services to utilize tablets and laptops and 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.

The provision of these services are in the **best interests** of the County and are fiscally responsible as they will ensure continued education for children during the Covid-19 crisis as funded through a grant from the Redlich Horwitz.

**The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored** through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The tracking and monitoring include the submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as direct contact with the Department staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the program's success.

The proposed agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xiv) thereof, as this is an agreement with a not-for-profit organization for the purpose of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to authorize the County to enter into an agreement with the Children's Village to provide tablets and laptops to approximately 75 children in need. A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

KMM/DI  
Attachment

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services,  
be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. for the Covid-19 Rapid Response Program 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 for the term April 15, 2020 through April 14, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"); 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 2020 -2021	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	22	904U	4380	T904	\$30,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020 – 2021 Start Date 4/15/20 End Date 4/14/21  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$30,000.00 Federal Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
(must match resolution) Other: X