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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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Date: August 24, 2020

To: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Department of Social Services

RE: Authority to enter into an agreement with the Young Women’s Christian Association of Yonkers to operate its P.E.A.R.L. (Prevention, Empowerment, Academics, Recreation and Leadership) Program in order to provide a structured program for economically disadvantaged female youth who are at risk of foster care and preventive services, for the program period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, for a total amount not to exceed \$46,000.00

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“Department”), to enter into an agreement (“Agreement”) with the Young Women’s Christian Association of Yonkers to operate its P.E.A.R.L. (Prevention, Empowerment, Academics, Recreation and Leadership) Program for the program period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in a total amount not to exceed \$46,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget.

This program will serve thirty (30) young girls, ages 10 years to 18 years of age who reside in the City of Yonkers. The program is designed to empower young girls through a variety of programs and activities that provides a structure, supportive environment that prevents youth participants from involvement in child welfare and criminal justice program. Youth participants are provided with opportunities to complete High School, engage in employment, enter higher education and ultimately contribute as a responsible citizen in the community.

The goal of the P.E.A.R.L Program is to prepare young girls to succeed in a society that has grown more complex, challenging, competitive and disconnected. Our activities and interactions are designed to strengthen participants’ self-esteem, decision making, communication skills, academic outcomes, independence and confidence. Through the provision of the appropriate combination of

support, education, preventive activities and exposure to the arts and higher education, the P.E.A.R.L. Program will aid youth participants in navigating life's challenges as they transition into adulthood.

The P.E.A.R.L. Program performance indicators are as follows:

- 1) Annual unduplicated capacity of 30 youth
- 2) Monthly capacity of 15 youth
- 3) 100% of youth participants will be diverted from Foster Care placement
- 4) 90% of youth participants will remain in school
- 5) 85% of youth will be diverted from justice involvement
- 3) 80% of youth participants will attend all sessions of the program
- 4) 80% of youth participants will demonstrate increase in life skills

The performance indicators as stated above will be tracked and monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual reports, Report Cards and by bi-yearly site visits from Department' staff.

The goal and objective of the Agreement are to prevent foster care placement, reduce risk of criminal justice involvement and increase youth's chances of graduating from High School.

The goals and objective of the Agreement are fiscally responsible and are in the best interest of public safety, public health and environment because the program provides a structure, supportive environment that prevents youth participants from involvement in child welfare and criminal justice program.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose as it will prevent youth participants from involvement in child welfare and criminal justice program.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a) xviii thereof, which addresses youth service projects and other appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime and the advanced of the moral, physical, mental and social well-being of the youth of Westchester County.

An appropriate Resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

KMM/CMC
Attachment

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 with the Young Women’s Christian Association of Yonkers to operate its P.E.A.R.L. (Prevention, Empowerment, Academics, Recreation and Leadership) Program for the program period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in a total amount not to exceed \$46,000.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreements. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption (s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then that Contractor shall have the right to terminate their Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2020	101	22	8900	5960		\$46,000

Budget Funding Year (s): 2020 Start Date: 1/1/2020 End Date: 12/31/2020

Funding Source:

Tax Dollars: 34%
 State Aid: 43%
 Federal Aid: 23%
 Other: N/A

\$46,000
 (must match resolution)