

Office of the County Attorney

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TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Nonna
County Attorney

DATE: September 15, 2020

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to extend a Grant Agreement (Regional Immigration Assistance Center also known as #C000855) with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services with a term commencing on November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2020 to extend the term through October 31, 2021 and to amend an Agreement with The Legal Aid Society of Westchester County and the Westchester County Bar Association for the same purpose

On November 10, 2016, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement (the "Grant Agreement") for a Regional Immigration Assistance Center (Contract #C000855) with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services ("ILS") for the receipt of \$1,350,000 to improve the quality of indigent legal services provided by the County for the period November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2020 and to enter into an Agreement with The Legal Aid Society of Westchester County ("The Legal Aid Society") and the Westchester County Bar Association to implement the County's indigent legal services work plan for the aforesaid grant for the period November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2020 through (the "Agreement").

ILS has approved an extension of the term of the Grant Agreement through October 31, 2021. Authority is being requested herein to execute an extension of the Grant Agreement with ILS and to execute an extension of the Agreement between the County and The Legal Aid Society and the Westchester County Bar Association for the same purpose.

The extension of the term of the Grant Agreement and the Agreement will serve a public purpose in that it will enable the County to fulfill and improve its lawful obligation of providing counsel to certain indigent persons. The goals and objectives are to ensure that effective counsel is provided in a cost efficient manner.

The extension of the Grant Agreement with ILS is exempt from the County's procurement policy pursuant to Section 3(a)iii. The extension of the Agreement with The Legal Aid Society and the

Westchester County Bar Association is exempt from the County's procurement policy pursuant to Section 3(a)xiv.

Accordingly, attached herewith is a resolution authorizing an extension of the Grant Agreement with ILS and the Agreement with The Legal Aid Society and the Westchester County Bar Association through October 31,2021. No County funds will be expended for this purpose.

JMN/LAC
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10/15/2020 - K. PAMRIJAJ, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Attorney, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend a grant agreement previously executed by the County and the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a Regional Immigration Assistance Center (Contract #C000855) in the amount of \$1,350,000 to improve the quality of indigent legal services provided by the County for the period November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2020 (the "Grant Agreement") to extend the termination date to October 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to amend an agreement between the County and The Legal Aid Society of Westchester County and the Westchester County Bar Association in connection with a grant for Regional Immigration Assistance Center (Contract # C000855) from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the improvement of the quality of indigent legal services for the period November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2020 (the "Agreement") to extend the termination date to October 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amendment to the Grant Agreement and the amendment to the Agreement shall be at no cost to the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and Agreement shall remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his duly authorized designee, is empowered to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes herein.

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
						\$0

Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date 11/1/2020 End Date 10/31/2021
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 \$ 0.00 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____