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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: October 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with MJW Consultants LLC (“MJW”) pursuant to which Michelle James-Walker of MJW will continue to serve as Director of the Westchester County Family Justice Center by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$4,500.00.

On September 19, 2019, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Office for Women, to enter into an agreement with MJW Consultants LLC (“MJW”), pursuant to which Michelle James-Walker of MJW will continue to serve as Director of the Westchester County Family Justice Center (“FJC”), for a three-year term commencing October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2022, for a total amount not to exceed \$294,000.00 (the “Agreement”). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to amend the Agreement by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$4,500.00, from an amount not-to-exceed \$294,000.00 to an amount not-to-exceed \$298,500.00. This additional funding will only be applied to year two of the budget within the Agreement.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain the same.

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by providing additional funding for a director to supervise the daily operations of the FJC, which enhances the safety and independence of victims of abuse. If victims are empowered at the FJC to learn how to develop and maintain their own safety they are not as likely to return to dependence on their abusers, thereby reducing public safety costs and medical costs. If they are helped by the FJC to become independent and self-sufficient they are not as likely to be dependent on public assistance.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is to provide additional funding for a director for the FJC and thereby ensure the overall sustainability of the FJC and ensure that the FJC provides services to victims.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Director of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Office for Women, is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with MJW Consultants LLC ("MJW"), pursuant to which Michelle James-Walker of MJW will continue to serve as Director of the Family Justice Center, for a three-year term commencing on October 1, 2019 and continuing through September 30, 2022, for a total amount not to exceed \$294,000.00 (the "Agreement"), in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$4,500.00, from an amount not-to-exceed \$294,000.00 to an amount not-to-exceed \$298,500.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this additional funding will only be applied to year two of the budget within the Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain the same; 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 documents and take any actions 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	Funding Year(s)
263	11	T10U	4380	T1010	\$4,500.00	2020-2021

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020-2021 **Start Date:** 10/1/2020 **End Date:** 9/30/2021
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source:

<p><u>\$4,500.00</u> (must match resolution)</p>	<p>Tax Dollars _____ State Aid _____ Federal Aid <u>\$4,500.00</u> Other _____</p>
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