



George Latimer
County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

81201

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: December 4, 2020

Re: **Authority for the County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CVR New York and the Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership to End Homelessness to collaborate on the Foster Youth to Independence (“FYI”) initiative to prevent and end homelessness among youth with a current or prior history of child welfare services involvement for the term commencing upon execution and extending until the FYI initiative is terminated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Renewal.**

Authority is requested for the County, by and through its Department of Social Services (“Department”) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with CVR New York and the Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership to End Homelessness to collaborate on the Foster Youth to Independence (“FYI”) initiative to prevent and end homelessness among youth with a current or prior history of child welfare services involvement for the term commencing upon execution and extending until the FYI initiative is terminated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Renewal (“HUD”). Pursuant to the MOU, HUD will provide time-limited Tenant Protection Vouchers (“TPV”) to youth eligible under the FYI initiative to provide needed rental assistance to youth who meet the following criteria: 1) are between 18 and 24 years of age; 2) have left foster care or will leave foster care within 90 days; and 3) are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. In addition to the rental assistance to be provided, the Department will ensure that necessary supportive services, such as money management skills, job readiness, educational achievement, nutrition and meal preparation, will be provided to the FYI youth for the maximum term (36 months) that the youth participates in the program. The proposed MOU will provide needed services and rental assistance to youth

aging out of foster care through the partnership detailed in the MOU, at no additional cost to the County.

The MOU will serve the public purpose of providing rent relief to youth aged 18 to 24 who qualify in order to reduce homelessness in Westchester County.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to authorize the County to enter into an MOU with CVR New York and the Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership to End Homelessness. A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

KMM/DI

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/17/2020 - JOHN COCCARDI, 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 a Memorandum of Understanding with CVR New York and the Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership to End Homelessness to prevent and end homelessness among youth, between the age of 18 and 24, with a current or prior history of child welfare services involvement for the term commencing upon execution and extending until the program is terminated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Renewal; 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
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) : Start Date 10/16/2020 End Date Indefinite
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: N/A

State Aid: N/A

\$0 Federal Aid: N/A

(must match resolution)

Other: X