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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: December 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with Pace University, acting by and through the Women's Justice Center of Pace University School of Law, to provide legal consumer education via a telephone helpline, as well as education and training to private attorneys to assist women and senior citizens from low and moderate incomes, by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$3,390.00.

On March 22, 2018, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an agreement with Pace University, acting by and through the Women's Justice Center of Pace University School of Law, ("Pace") pursuant to which it will provide legal consumer education via a telephone helpline, as well as education and training to private attorneys to assist women and senior citizens from low and moderate incomes, for a term commencing on January 1, 2018 and continuing through December 31, 2020, for a total amount not-to-exceed exceed \$199,440.00 (the "Agreement"). The Agreement was subsequently executed.

On March 28, 2019, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County to amend the Agreement by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$1,329.00, from an amount not-to exceed \$199,440.00 to an amount not-to-exceed \$200,769.00, to be applied to the 2019 budget within the Agreement (the "First Amendment"). The First Amendment was subsequently executed.

On March 26, 2020, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County to amend the Agreement by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$3,363.00, from an amount not-to exceed \$200,769.00 to an amount not-to-exceed \$204,132.00, to be applied to the 2020 budget within the Agreement (the "Second Amendment"). The Second Amendment was subsequently executed.

Authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to amend the Agreement once again by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$3,390.00, from an amount not-to-exceed \$204,132.00 to an amount not-to-exceed \$207,522.00 (the "Third Amendment"). This additional funding will only be applied to the 2020 budget within the Agreement.

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

The proposed Third Amendment will serve a public purpose by providing additional funding for Pace to make available legal services to low and moderate income women and senior citizens who, without this assistance, would be at high risk of becoming victims of abuse. Pace will also assist women and senior citizens with low and moderate incomes in protecting their rights and, in so doing, may decrease their dependence on public assistance.

The goal and objective of the proposed Third Amendment is to provide additional funding for Pace to provide legal consumer education via a telephone helpline, as well as education and training to private attorneys to assist women and senior citizens from low and moderate incomes.

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

I 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, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Pace University, acting by and through the Women's Justice Center of Pace University School of Law, ("Pace") pursuant to which Pace will provide legal consumer education via a telephone helpline, as well as education and training to private attorneys to assist women and senior citizens from low and moderate incomes, for a term commencing on January 1, 2018 and continuing through December 31, 2020, for a total amount not-to-exceed exceed \$204,132.00 (the "Agreement"), in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$3,390.00, from an amount not-to-exceed \$204,132.00 to an amount not-to-exceed \$207,522.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this additional funding will only be applied to the 2020 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(s) to be charged/credited:

FUND	DEPT	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year(s)
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$3,390	2020

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 1/1/2020 **End Date:** 12/31/2020

\$3,390
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$3,390
State Aid _____
Federal Aid _____
Other _____