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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

DATE: December 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, for the provision of free comprehensive civil legal services to the indigent as well as legal assistance to low-income immigrants at the County's Mt. Vernon District Office, for a term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$365,280.00, in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount of the agreement by \$17,832.00, to a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$383,112.00.

On June 11, 2020, 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 (the "Agreement") with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley ("LSHV"), pursuant to which LSHV was to provide free comprehensive civil legal services to the indigent as well as legal assistance to low-income immigrants at the County's Mount Vernon District Office, for a term commencing on January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$365,280.00. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to amend the Agreement ("First Amendment") in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$17,832.00, from an amount not to exceed \$365,280.00 to a new total amount not to exceed \$383,112.00.

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

The proposed First Amendment will serve a public purpose by providing additional funding for LSHV to make available to the indigent and low-income immigrants legal services that they need and might otherwise be unable to obtain.

The goal and objective of the proposed First Amendment is to provide additional funding for LSHV to provide legal services in Mount Vernon.

The goal and objective of the proposed First 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 ("First Amendment") an existing agreement (the "Agreement") with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley ("LSHV"), pursuant to which LSHV was to provide free comprehensive civil legal services to the indigent as well as legal assistance to low-income immigrants at the County's Mount Vernon District Office, for a term commencing on January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$365,280.00, in order to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$17,832.00, from an amount not to exceed \$365,280.00 to a new total amount not to exceed \$383,112.00; 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 Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment, is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment, 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 Agreement. 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 the Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to LSHV, then LSHV shall have the right to terminate the 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 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)
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$17,832	2020

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020

Start Date: 1/1/2020

End Date: 12/31/2020

(must match resolution)

Funding Source:

Tax Dollars \$17,832

\$17,832

State Aid _____

(must match resolution)

Federal Aid _____

Other _____

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