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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Leonard G. Townes  
Commissioner

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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Leonard G. Townes  
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: February 11, 2021

Re: **Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Experian Information Solutions, Inc. for the provision of consumer credit reports to assist the Department of Social Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement in tracking persons who are delinquent in child support obligations for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.**

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Authority is requested for your Honorable Board to authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services ("Department"), to enter into an agreement with Experian Information Solutions, Inc. ("Experian") for the provision of consumer credit reports to assist the Department's Office of Child Support Enforcement in tracking persons who are delinquent in child support obligations. The information will be used to bring these persons to court in order to obtain payments and seize assets. The Agreement will be in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 and payable pursuant to a fixed price schedule (the "Agreement"). The Agreement is necessary so that the County can comply with New York law which charges the County with the responsibility of tracking those persons who are delinquent in child support obligations.

In order to enter into the Agreement, Experian has requested that the County "indemnify, defend and hold harmless Experian from and against any and all claims and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, which may be asserted against or incurred by Experian, based upon the use by County of the Services or other information furnished by Experian for purposes not permitted by law."

The Agreement will serve the public purpose of providing the County with assistance in tracking delinquent child support obligors. The goals and objective of the proposed Agreement are to provide the County with assistance in tracking delinquent child support obligors and bringing these individuals to court to obtain payments, and seize assets to satisfy these delinquencies

The provision of these services is in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility as the child support payments that are obtained for children who are entitled to these payments, will lessen their dependence on public assistance.

The services to be provided pursuant to the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department.

In order to comply with the County Procurement Policy the Department solicited price quotations from service providers. Experian provided the lowest price quotation.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend the adoption of the annexed Resolution.

LGT/DI  
Attachment

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## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Experian Information Solutions, Inc. (“Experian”) to provide credit reports to assist the Department of Social Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement in tracking persons who are delinquent in child support obligations for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, payable according to a fixed price schedule (the “Agreement”); and be it further;

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the Agreement the County shall “indemnify, defend and hold harmless Experian from and against any and all claims and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees, which may be asserted against or incurred by Experian, based upon the use by County of the Services or other information furnished by Experian for purposes not permitted by law”; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (“State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of these agreements. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or 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 impact of any such budget(s) 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 the Contractor,

then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate the agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; 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
2021	101	22	4000	4420		\$20,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2021 Start Date 1/1/21 End Date 12/31/22  
 (must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: 38%  
 State Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Aid: 62%  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20,000  
 (must match resolution)

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