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DATE: February 17, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John Befus
Acting Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. to operate a warming center for up to forty women at First Street, Mount Vernon, New York, in an amount not to exceed \$565,538.40, for the term February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021, in order to include a day program and three meals per day for up to 100 individuals for the term March 23, 2020 through January 31, 2021 and increase the amount of the agreement by \$423,235 for a new not to exceed amount of \$988,733.40, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to amend an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. ("WestCOP") to operate a warming center known as the Oasis Annex for up to forty (40) women at First Street in Mount Vernon (the "Facility") in an amount not to exceed \$565,538.40 for the term February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021 (the "Agreement"), in order to include a day program and three meals per day for up to 100 individuals and increase the amount of the Agreement by \$423,235 for a new not to exceed amount of \$988,733.40, payable pursuant to an approved budget, for the term March 23, 2020 through January 31, 2021. The proposed amended services will provide day services for individuals utilizing the Emergency Drop Shelter at WestCOP OASIS New Rochelle and WestCOP OASIS Annex Shelters and three meals a day for participants who utilized the emergency drop-in shelters in Mt Vernon and New Rochelle during local isolation orders issued by NYS and local governments. Day services had previously been provided by Hope Community Services, however, this provider requires daily proof of a negative COVID-19 test, which the individuals requiring these day services were unable to provide. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

Pursuant to the original Agreement, women, who are not residents of any established shelters in Westchester County, will be transported each night from the Oasis Shelter operated at 19 Washington Avenue, New Rochelle to the Facility where they will be provided with a safe place to sleep, including a cot, bed linens, toiletries, bathrooms and showering/bath facilities, and then returned to the Oasis Shelter at 7a.m. the following morning.

The proposed amendment is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (xiv), which exempts “procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with not-for-profit organizations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance”.

The proposed amendment will serve the public purpose of providing a safe, sanitary, warm, dry place for day services as well as three meals a day for people who are not housed and do not currently participate in the formal County shelter system. The individuals to be served by the Oasis Annex are in need of housing, and may have been disqualified from a public assistance program for failing to comply with a rule, procedure or regulation or are otherwise ineligible for DSS benefits.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is to provide a day center and three meals for up to 100 individuals where COVID-19 isolation orders are in place for homeless individuals in the Mount Vernon/New Rochelle area of Westchester County.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is in the best interests of the County in terms of public health and safety, as the County having the services necessary to operate a day center and provide three meals a day to up to 100 people in the Mount Vernon/New Rochelle area of Westchester County will ensure the health and safety of the individuals who seek such services.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department of Social Services. I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached Resolution.

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. to operate a warming center known as the Oasis Annex for up to forty (40) women at First Street in Mount Vernon, in an amount not to exceed \$565,538.40, for the term from February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021 (the "Agreement"), in order to include for the period March 23, 2020 through January 31, 2021, a day program and three meals per day for up to 100 individuals and increase the amount of the Agreement by \$423,235 for a new not to exceed amount of \$988,733.40 ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that this Agreement 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 this 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 this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Original Agreement: \$565,538.40
 1st Amendment: 423,235.00
 TOTAL \$988,733.40

Account to be
 Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	8900	4998	--	\$415,797.00
101	22	8900	4998	--	\$ 7,438.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2020-21 Start Date: 03/23/20 End Date: 1/31/21
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source
\$423,235.00
 (must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: _____
 State Aid: _____
 Federal Aid: 100%
 Other: _____

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