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Date: April 22, 2021

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Joseph K. Spano
Commissioner of Correction

Re: Authority to authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Family Services of Westchester, Inc. ("FSW") in order to serve as FSW's programmatic partner in connection with FSW's application for a Federal Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Grant, at no cost to the County, commencing upon full execution of the MOU and having a term of four (4) years unless earlier terminated by the County upon thirty (30) days written notice.

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County, acting by and through its Department of Correction (the "Department"), to enter into a MOU with FSW in order to serve as FSW's programmatic partner in connection with FSW's application for a Federal Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Grant, at no cost to the County, and commencing upon full execution of the MOU and having a term of four (4) years unless earlier terminated by the County upon thirty (30) days written notice.

FSW has advised that it will apply for a Federal grant from the Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Grant Program to provide mental, social, and economic mentoring to incarcerated individuals and prevent recidivism. FSW has advised that it desires the County, acting by and through the Department, to serve as its programmatic partner in connection with its grant application. If FSW is awarded a grant, the Department, as its programmatic partner, shall: 1) recommend and recruit incarcerated individuals to participate in the program on a voluntary basis; 2) provide FSW with the office space and workshop space reasonably needed to conduct programmatic activities; 3) provide FSW with access to Securus to conduct televisits; 4) track recidivism rates of participating individuals for a minimum of 1 year after each participant has ceased program participation; and 5) adhere to all programmatic requirements of the grant.

The goals and objectives of the MOU is to provide re-entry services to Westchester County returning offenders by providing support in the community upon release. The proposed MOU and its progress shall be monitored by County personnel.

As the County is not procuring goods or services, the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

It is respectfully requested and recommended that your Honorable Board approve the annexed Resolution.

JKS/jpi

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Correction, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Correction, is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Family Services of Westchester, Inc. (“FSW”) in order to serve as FSW’s programmatic partner in connection with FSW’s application for a Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Grant, at no cost to the County, commencing upon full execution of the MOU and having a term of four (4) years unless earlier terminated by the County upon thirty (30) days 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 of this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
2021	N/A						
2022	N/A						
2023	N/A						
2024	N/A						

Budget Funding Year(s) ___ Start Date Full Execution End Date 4 years after Start Date
 (must match resolution)
\$ 0

Funding Source Tax Dollars N/A
 State Aid _____
 Federal Aid _____
 Other _____

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