

Office of the County Attorney

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TO: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Nonna
County Attorney

DATE: April 30, 2021

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a fifth amendment to a grant agreement for the Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant (#C000655) with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services to extend the termination date from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021 and to enter into a fifth amendment to an agreement with The Legal Aid Society of Westchester County for the same purpose

On May 21, 2015, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement for Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grant (Contract #C000655) with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services ("ILS") for the receipt of \$258,344.00 to improve the quality of indigent legal services provided by the County for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 (the "Grant Agreement") and to enter into an agreement with The Legal Aid Society of Westchester County ("The Legal Aid Society") to implement the Grant Agreement work plan for the aforesaid grant for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 (the "Agreement"). On June 15, 2017, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing an extension of the Grant Agreement and Agreement through December 31, 2017. On December 7, 2017, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing an extension of the Grant Agreement and Agreement through December 31, 2018. On December 13, 2018, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing an extension of the Grant Agreement and Agreement through December 31, 2019. On December 6, 2019, your Honorable Board authorized an amendment to the Grant Agreement and the Agreement to extend the termination date from December 31, 2019 to December 31, 2020.

Authority is being requested herein to execute a fifth amendment of the Grant Agreement with ILS to extend the termination date from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021 and to execute a fifth amendment of the Agreement between the County and The Legal Aid Society for the same purpose.

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

The extension of the term of the Grant Agreement and the Agreement will serve a public purpose in that it will enable the County to fulfill and improve its lawful obligation of providing counsel to certain indigent persons. The goals and objectives are to ensure that effective counsel is provided in a cost efficient manner.

The extension of the Grant Agreement with ILS is exempt from the County's procurement policy pursuant to Section 3(a)iii. The extension of the Agreement with The Legal Aid Society and the Westchester County Bar Association is exempt from the County's procurement policy pursuant to Section 3(a)xiv.

Accordingly, attached herewith is a resolution authorizing an extension of the Grant Agreement with ILS and the Agreement with The Legal Aid Society through December 31, 2021. No County funds will be expended for this purpose.

JMN/LAC
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 03/06/2021 JIM COCCARDI, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Attorney, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to amend a grant agreement (the “Grant Agreement”) previously executed by the County and the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction (Contract #C000655) to improve the quality of indigent legal services provided to extend the termination date from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with The Legal Aid Society of Westchester (the “Agreement”) in connection with a grant for Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the improvement of the quality of indigent legal services to extend the termination date from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amendment to the Grant Agreement and the amendment to the Agreement shall be at no cost to the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and Agreement shall remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his duly authorized designee, is empowered to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes herein.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	101	52				0.00

Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date 1/1/14 End Date 12/31/21
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
 \$ 0.00 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____