

**84822**

**TO:** Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Honorable George Latimer  
Westchester County Executive  
Robin Schlaff  
Director, Office for Women

**DATE:** May 5, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Authority to enter into an agreement with YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester Inc. to provide educational programs and services promoting racial equality for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$47,700.00.

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The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester Inc. (the "YWCA") to provide educational programs and services promoting racial equality, for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, for an amount not to exceed Forty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$47,700.00), to be paid quarterly pursuant to an approved budget.

For over 90 years, the YWCA's mission has been to eliminate racism, empower women, strengthen communities, and stand up for social change. Through its Westchester Center for Racial Equity, the YWCA addresses racism by providing a platform for community resources, accountability, and transformation.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by offering a community-wide approach to eliminating racism in Westchester County.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are for the YWCA to provide the following programs/services virtually:

- Westchester Equity Challenge, a 21-day journey of self-discovery designed to help individuals build more effective social justice habits, particularly those dealing with issues of race, power, privilege, and leadership;
- Stand Against Racism ("SAR"), a signature campaign of YWCA to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities;

- Common Ground/Courageous Conversations, a bi-monthly discussion series to discuss how race affects our lives;
- Reading to End Racism, a book club series to engage with new thinking around race; and
- a racial equality workshop series.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

The procurement of the proposed Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(ix) thereof, which exempts contracts with teachers, lecturers, and other educational professionals or experts.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 06/09/2021 LISA MUJAJ, SECRETARY

# RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Executive and 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 enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester Inc. (the "YWCA"), to provide educational programs and services promoting racial equality, for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, for an amount not to exceed Forty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$47,700.00), to be paid quarterly pursuant to an approved budget; 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 YWCA, then the YWCA 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 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
101	52	2508	5100	N/A	\$47,700	2021

**Budget Funding Year(s)** 2021

(must match resolution)

**Start Date:** 1/1/2021

**End Date:** 12/31/2021

\$47,700

(must match resolution)

**Funding Source:**

Tax Dollars \$47,700

State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_