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DATE: May 26, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Leonard G. Townes
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SUBJECT: Authority to, a.) amend an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc., for its 'Parent to Parent Preventive Program', by extending its term by one (1) year, to a new expiration date of March 31, 2022, and b.) amend an agreement with The Children's Village, for work to assist in locating and engaging, as relative caregivers, relatives of youths who are stepping down from, or transitioning out of, congregate care and are at risk of entering foster care, by extending its term by one (1) year, to a new expiration date of March 31, 2022.

By a resolution approved on December 17, 2020, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. ("FTW"), pursuant to which FTW was to provide the County with its 'Parent to Parent Preventive Program' as part of the County's implementation of the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act (the "Federal FFPSA"), for the period from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, for an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.00 (the "FTW Agreement"). The FTW Agreement was subsequently executed.

By a short-form authorization fully approved on November 20, 2020, the County was authorized to enter into an agreement with The Children's Village ("TCV"), pursuant to which TCV was to provide the County with work to assist in locating and engaging, as relative caregivers, relatives of youths who are stepping down from, or transitioning out of, congregate care and are at risk of entering foster care, as part of the County's implementation of the FFPSA, for the period from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 (the "TCV Agreement"). The TCV Agreement was subsequently executed.

Each of the FTW Agreement and the TCV Agreement was to be funded by a grant of

Family First Transition Fund money provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (“OCFS”), which was intended to fund work for the County regarding the implementation of the Federal FFPSA. OCFS recently notified the County that the New York State budget for the state fiscal year 2021-22 extended by one (1) year, “due to the challenges and uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic,” the service period for use of the funds that were to be paid to FTW and TCV for services rendered under the FTW Agreement and the TCV Agreement, respectively.

Therefore, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to, a.) amend the FTW Agreement by extending its term by one (1) year, to a new expiration date of March 31, 2022 (the “FTW Amendment”), and b.) amend the TCV Agreement by extending its term by one (1) year, to a new expiration date of March 31, 2022 (the “TCV Amendment”).

Except as specifically described above, all terms and conditions of each of the FTW Agreement and the TCV Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed FTW Amendment and TCV Amendment will each serve a public purpose by providing the County, for an additional year, with certain work regarding the implementation of the Federal FFPSA.

The goal and objective of each of the proposed FTW Amendment and TCV Amendment is to provide the County, for an additional year, with certain work regarding the implementation of the Federal FFPSA.

The goal and objective of each of the proposed FTW Amendment and TCV Amendment is in the best interests of the County in terms of health and welfare, as the proposed work regarding implementation of the Federal FFPSA is intended to ultimately help ensure the health and welfare of those to be served by that work.

The goal and objective of each of the proposed FTW Amendment and TCV Amendment will be tracked and monitored by staff of the Department of Social Services.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

LGT/TL/bdm/nm

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Family Ties of Westchester, Inc. (“FTW”), pursuant to which FTW was to provide the County with its ‘Parent to Parent Preventive Program’ as part of the County’s implementation of the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act (“FFPSA”), for the period from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, for an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.00, (the “FTW Agreement”) by extending its term by one (1) year, to a new expiration date of March 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically hereby authorized to be amended, all terms and conditions of the FTW Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with The Children’s Village (“TCV”), pursuant to which TCV was to provide the County with work to assist in locating and engaging, as relative caregivers, relatives of youths who are stepping down from, or transitioning out of, congregate care and are at risk of entering foster care, for the period from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, (the “TCV Agreement”) by extending its term by one (1) year, to a new expiration date of March 31, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically hereby authorized to be amended, all terms and conditions of the TCV Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; 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	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2021-2022 Start Date: 04/01/2021 End Date: 03/31/2022
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$0.00
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: N/A
State Aid: N/A
Federal Aid: N/A
Other: N/A