

George Latimer County Executive

## Benjamin Boykin II Chairman, Westchester County Board of Legislators

## ID # 85809

DATE: June 16, 2021

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Hon. Benjamin Boykin II, Chairman

Westchester County Board of Legislators

and

Hon. George Latimer

Westchester County Executive

SUBJECT: Authority for the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an agreement

("Agreement") with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. ("WJCS"), pursuant to which WJCS will provide its "Nurturing Parenting Program" for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$51,750.

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County, acting by and through the Westchester County Board of Legislators, to enter into the Agreement with WJCS, pursuant to which WJCS shall provide its Nurturing Parenting Program for a term of (1) year, commencing January 1, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021. In consideration for the services rendered, WJCS shall be paid an amount not to exceed \$51,750.00, half due and payable upon execution, and the other half payable on November 1, 2021.

The Nurturing Parenting Program is a program of WJCS' Trager Lemp Center for Treating Trauma and Promoting Resilience (the "Center"). This trauma-informed initiative parallels and complements the Center's practices and clinical work that utilize research-proven, family-centered approaches to recognize and address the traumatic impact of violence and abuse. Since the inception of the Nurturing Parenting Program in 2015, the program has impacted the lives of 115 mothers and their children in Yonkers. Staff have witnessed the positive impact of the strength-based, interactive non-clinical approach on both mothers and children.

Through the administration of the Program, the proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose in assisting with the prevention of child abuse and the intergenerational transmission of trauma and abuse. The Program will target mothers and children living in Southern Westchester (Yonkers and Mount Vernon). The model utilized in this initiative includes a Kids' Club and Mom's Empowerment Group, using evidence-based curriculum from the Nurturing Parenting model.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Board of Legislators, which will be responsible for monitoring WJCS's performance by means of a performance measurement report which shall include a statement of services rendered, the number of clients of the target population served, documentation of WJCS's outreach to potential clients, statement of anticipated outcomes of the program, measurement of outputs versus outcomes and all satisfaction surveys from clients, if any.

This procurement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a) viii thereof, regarding contracts with agencies engaging healthcare workers, including social workers and psychiatric workers.

Attached for your consideration is the proposed Resolution.

Attachment

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators and the County Executive, it is hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. ("WJCS"), pursuant to which WJCS will provide its Nurturing Parenting Program, for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and continuing through December 31, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$51,750.00, half payable upon execution and the other half payable on November 1, 2021; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the 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 the 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 adoptions(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 the 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 the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes thereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Sub Unit	Amount (in Dollars)
101	52	2508	5100	10	\$25,875.00
101	52	2508	5100	11	\$25,875.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2021 (must match resolution)	Start Date:	January 1, 2021	End Date:	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
Funding Source		Tax Dollars	\$51,750.00	
		State Aid		
\$51,750.00	<u>-</u>	Federal Aid _		
(must match resolution)		Other		