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Department of Social Services

Leonard G. Townes  
Commissioner

**OnBase ID # 86079**

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Leonard G. Townes  
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: June 29, 2021

Re: **Authority for the County of Westchester to amend a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to accept a grant from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation in the sum of \$258,913 to increase family-based placement, including Kinship foster care, and reduce congregate care placement for customers of the Department of Social Services receiving foster care services for the term commencing May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2021, in order to extend the term of the MOU through October 31, 2021.**

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On November 15, 2018, November 7, 2019, December 19, 2019 and on October 29, 2020 your Honorable Board adopted resolutions authorizing the County of Westchester acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“Department”) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Redlich Horwitz Foundation, as amended, to provide grant funds in the aggregate sum of \$258,913 (the “Grant”) for the term May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2021 (“MOU”) to increase the use of family-based placements (including kinship foster homes), particularly therapeutic foster homes in order to reduce the use of congregate foster care. The MOU, as amended, was fully executed.

Due to a delay in performing the services as a result of COVID-19, authority is now requested to amend the MOU in order to extend the term an additional six months, to a revised term commencing May 1, 2018 and terminating October 31, 2021. All other terms and conditions of the MOU shall remain in full force and effect.

The Grant and amended MOU will serve the public purpose of providing funds to reduce foster care placements in congregate care, thereby saving taxpayer funds.

The MOU will also potentially allow families to stay together avoiding institutional foster care placement.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to authorize the County to amend the MOU in order to extend the term and additional six months from May 1, 2018 through October 31, 2021. A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 07/08/2021 - LISA MRINJAS SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to amend a Memorandum of Understanding to accept a grant from the Redlich Horwitz Foundation in the sum of \$258,913 (“MOU”) to increase the use of family-based placements (including kinship foster homes), particularly therapeutic foster homes in order to reduce the use of congregate foster care in Westchester County for the term May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2021, in order to extend the MOU for an additional six months to a revised term of May 1, 2018 through October 31, 2021; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that all other terms and conditions of the MOU shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any and all documents 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
	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a

Budget Funding Year(s) : Start Date 5/1/18 End Date 10/31/21  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: N/A

State Aid: N/A

N/A Federal Aid: N/A

(must match resolution)

Other: X