



George Latimer
County Executive

Department of Social Services

Leonard G. Townes
Commissioner

OnBase # 86567

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Leonard G. Townes
Commissioner of Social Services

Date: July 22, 2021

Re: **Authority for the County to enter into an Agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. ("Children's Village") to operate a Family Finding Program for approximately forty (40) young adults with the goal of providing kinship placements for the term March 16, 2021 through October 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$43,450.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget.**

Authority is requested for your Honorable Board to authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services ("Department"), to enter into an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. ("Children's Village") for the operation of a Family Finding Program for approximately forty (40) young adults 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 the County for the term March 16, 2021 through October 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$43,450.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement").

The proposed agreement serves the **public purpose** of providing kinship placements to reduce the use of congregate foster care. The provision of these services are in the best interests of the County and are fiscally responsible as they will ensure the health and safety of young adults by providing kinship placements and reducing the use of congregate foster care.

The proposed agreement serves the **public purpose** of providing a family finding program to young adults referred by the Department.

The provision of these services are in the **best interests** of the County and are fiscally responsible as they will ensure the health and safety of young adults by kinship foster care placements.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The tracking and monitoring include the submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as direct contact with the Department staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the program's success.

The proposed agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xiv) thereof, as this is an agreement with a not-for-profit organization for the purpose of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance.

A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

LGT/DI
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with The Children's Village, Inc. for the operation of a Family Finding Program for approximately forty (40) young adults to increase the use of family-based placements (including kinship foster homes), particularly therapeutic foster homes for the term March 16, 2021 through October 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$43,450.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"); and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the 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 ("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 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 impact of any such budget(s) 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 Contractor then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; 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
2021

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	904T	4380	T904	\$43,450.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020 – 2021 Start Date 3/16/21 End Date 10/31/21
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: _____

State Aid: _____

\$43,450.00
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid: _____

Other: 100% _____

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