

George Latimer
County Executive

Department of Probation

Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner

DATE: August 23, 2021

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

RE: A.) AUTHORITY TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO ACCEPT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$601,339.24 TO MEET THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILES PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

B.) AUTHORITY TO RETROACTIVELY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. TO OPERATE THE LINKAGES PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$191,339.00 FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Probation (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to retroactively enter into an agreement (the "OCFS Agreement") with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") to accept funding in the amount of \$601,339.24 (the "OCFS Funds") to meet the County's obligations under the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program ("STSJP") for the period October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Authority is also requested to retroactively enter into an agreement (the "Linkages Agreement") with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. ("WJCS") whereby WJCS will operate the Linkages Program in an amount not to exceed \$191,339, as set forth below, for the period October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Linkages Program

Under the WJCS Agreement, WJCS operates the Linkages program which provides assessment services for youth who have been arrested in Westchester County and given Desk Appearance Tickets on Juvenile Delinquency cases that are determined to be appropriate for adjustment services. Additionally, Linkages may also do assessments on court ordered Persons In Need of Supervision (“PINS”) diversion cases when appropriate.

The goals here are to provide needed clinical interventions aimed at addressing underlying needs while helping the youth avoid protracted court involvement. The Department remains responsible for case planning and case management. WJCS will make every effort to engage families in the adjustment process to conduct assessments and provide diversion services and referrals as well as outreach to the victims. Assessments consist of clinical as well as Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument evaluations.

The remaining \$410,000.24 of the OCFS Funds will be allocated as follows:

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| • Probation Juvenile Extended Operations | \$140,000.00 |
| • Westchester Alternative to Detention | \$140,000.24 |
| • Westchester Probation Clinical Assessment | \$ 80,000.00 |
| • Juvenile Trainings | \$ 25,000.00 |
| • CLUSTER Community Services | \$ 25,000.00 |

Probation Juvenile Extended Operations:

The Department operates the Probation Juvenile Extended Operations Program (also known as the Juvenile Accountability Program) which serves Probation involved youth throughout Westchester County. The youth in this program are Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) and Juvenile Delinquents who have already been adjudicated or were awaiting court disposition of their cases. The Extended Operations Program provides additional opportunities for probation officers to meet youth in places such as their community or school and to provide them with the opportunity to perform valuable community service.

Westchester Alternative to Detention:

The Department oversees an Alternative to Detention (“ATD”) program where juveniles step down from specialized secure, secure and non-secure detention to the ATD program as they transition to community based supervision.

Westchester Probation Clinical Assessments:

The Department oversees court ordered mental health clinical evaluations for juveniles remanded to detention. These clinical evaluations assist the courts in determining dispositions for these juveniles.

Juvenile Trainings:

To further enhance the skills of officers working with youth, the department provides a myriad of trainings and classes in evidence-based practices.

CLUSTER Community Services:

CLUSTER provides mediation services as a means of dispute resolution. This agreement to provide mediation services was previously authorized by your Honorable Board by a separate resolution.

The public purpose of the WJCS Agreement is to prevent future delinquency, including youth violence, by working with youth before they commit a crime or engage in other delinquent behaviors. By providing services in the community, youth can stay at home with their families and continue to go to school, while still getting their needs met and saving taxpayers money.

I certify that my department, a.) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b.) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c.) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d.) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

The OCFS Agreement to accept State funding under the STSJP Program is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a)iii because it is an contract with the State of New York. The WJCS Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a)xviii because it is a contract for the "...creation and support of youth service projects and appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime..."

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

RAP/sv/jrc
Enclosure

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 02/01/2021 - RAYMOND SULLIVAN, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Probation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester ("County") to retroactively enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$601,339.24 to meet the County's obligations under the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) for the period of October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County retroactively enter into an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. ("WJCS") whereby WJCS will operate the Linkages program to provide services for youth who have been arrested in Westchester County in an amount not to exceed \$191,339 for the period October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	39	541V	9854		601,339.24
	263	39	541V	4380		191,339.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2020-2021 Start Date 10/1/2020 End Date 9/30/2021
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars 0
 State Aid \$601,339.24
 \$ \$601,339.24 Federal Aid 0
 (must match resolution) Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 09/02/2021 RAYMOND SCULLY, SECRETARY