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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: August 20, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Leonard G. Townes
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with Fordham University to provide program evaluation consultant services in the amount of \$343,500 for the term September 30, 2019 through September 29, 2021, as part of the Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures, in order to increase the amount of the agreement by \$4,526.39 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$348,026.39.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), to amend an agreement with Fordham University in the amount of \$343,500 to provide program evaluation consultant services for the term from September 30, 2019 through September 29, 2021 (the "Agreement") in order to increase the amount of the agreement by \$4,526.39 for a new total not to exceed \$348,026.39. These funds are available as the result of a balance in the amount of \$4,526.39 being available from a closed out Agreement with Children's Village, Inc. which provided youth involvement and experience with trauma-informed child welfare professionals focusing on the elimination of homelessness among at-risk youth with foster care histories.

All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed amendment **will serve a public purpose** by preventing youth homelessness within the County.

The **goals and objectives** of Westchester Building Futures ("WBF"), is a youth and community-driven planning process to develop a detailed blueprint for transforming Westchester's system of public and private resources to prevent homelessness among

youth emerging from our child welfare system that can be rigorously evaluated, thoroughly documented, and replicated nationwide.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed amendment is **in the County's best interest** regarding **fiscal responsibility** as it will reduce homelessness and dependence on public assistance that not only improves the economic situation of the program participants but of the County as well by reducing the County's public assistance expenditures.

The **goals and objectives** of the proposed amendment is also **in the County's best interest** regarding **public health and safety** as the operation of the program to obtain permanent housing and self-sufficiency that correspondingly improves the program participants' physical and psychological well-being and provides a safer and more stable overall environment.

The **performance measurement indicators** for WBF will cross four outcome areas: Stable Housing, Permanent Connections, Social and Emotional Well-being and Education/Employment.

The **goals and objectives** of the amendment to the Agreement **will be tracked and monitored** by the Department that will include performance measurement indicator results.

Accordingly, authority is hereby requested for the County to enter an amendment with Fordham University in order to increase the amount of the Agreement. I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached Resolution.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION CONTRACT 09/30/2021 RAYMOND SCULLY, SECRETARY

R E S O L U T I O N

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Fordham University in the amount of \$343,500 to provide program evaluation consultant services for the Youth Homelessness Prevention Initiative entitled Westchester Building Futures for the term September 30, 2019 through September 29, 2021 (the “Agreement”), in order to increase the amount of the agreement by \$4,526.39 for a new total not to exceed \$348,026.39; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is authorized 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
263	22	526S	4380	T526	\$4,526.39

Budget Funding Year(s): 2019-2021 Start Date: 9/30/2019 End Date: 9/29/2021
(must match resolution)

	Tax Dollars:	0%
	State Aid:	0%
<u>\$4,526.39</u>	Federal Aid:	100%
must match resolution)	Other:	N/A

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