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Department of Social Services

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DATE: September 27, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc. to administer childcare scholarship/financial assistance to eligible families for a term commencing on August 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021, for a not to exceed amount of \$500,000.00.

Transmitted herewith is a resolution requesting authority from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (“Department”), to enter into an agreement (“Agreement”) with Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc. (“Child Care Council”) to administer scholarship/financial assistance to families who are no longer eligible for child care assistance due to the expiration of certain New York State COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) Child Care Regulatory Waivers (“NYS Covid-19 Waivers”), for a term commencing on August 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021 for a not to exceed amount of \$500,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, and subject to appropriation. Child Care Council shall administer \$450,000.00 in scholarships for eligible families to be paid directly to child care providers and Child Care Council shall retain \$50,000.00 for administrative costs to be incurred in implementing the scholarship program, including, but not limited to labor, supplies, and equipment.

Pursuant to the Agreement, Child Care Council shall provide scholarships to eligible families under the Department’s Childcare Scholarship Program (“Program” or “Scholarship Program”) in order to assist households with total gross household income above the 255%/275% Federal Poverty Level but within 85% of the New York State Median Income, to continue to provide care to children and maintain the local economy by supporting not just working families and keeping them in the workforce, but also to stabilize the childcare

community. The Scholarship Program covers families who became eligible under the NYS Covid-19 Waivers by offering \$450,000.00 in childcare services through December 31, 2021.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are to assist households with total gross household income above the 255%/275% Federal Poverty Level but within 85% of the New York State Median Income, to continue to provide care to children and to maintain the local economy by supporting working families and keep them in the workforce, and to stabilize the childcare community.

The public purpose of the proposed Agreement is to support the continuity of care for the children, maintain Westchester County local economy by supporting working families hovering between the 255/275% eligibility guidelines and the State Median Income (“SMI”) in Westchester County, and to keep them in the workforce, and assist with the stabilization of the childcare community in Westchester County. These families are ineligible under the Federal Poverty Levels but burdened with childcare costs.

The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health and safety as they support working families and the childcare community in Westchester County.

The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility because the financial assistance will support working families burdened with childcare costs during the COVID-19 pandemic and the childcare community in Westchester County.

The goals and objectives of this contract will be tracked and monitored through performance measurement indicators approved by the Department.

The procurement of this proposed Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) xiv regarding support to persons in need of public assistance.

Accordingly, authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into the proposed Agreement with Savory for Westchester to operate the above program.

A resolution requesting the same is annexed hereto for your Honorable Board’s approval.

LGT/CMC

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (“Agreement”) with the Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc. (“Child Care Council”) to administer scholarship/financial assistance to families who are no longer eligible for child care assistance due to the expiration of certain New York State COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019) Child Care Regulatory Waivers, for a term commencing on August 1, 2021 and terminating December 31, 2021, for a not to exceed amount of \$500,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take such other actions 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
101	22	8900	5990 (99)		\$500,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2021 Start Date: 08.01.2021 End Date: 12.31.2021
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$500,000
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: 100%

State Aid:
Federal Aid:
Other: