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County Executive

Department of Probation
Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner

Onbase # 90264

DATE: January 10, 2022

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

RE: REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES, PURSUANT TO WHICH WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES WILL PROVIDE PREDISPOSITIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT AND POSTDISPOSITIONAL TREATMENT OF FAMILY COURT ACT, ARTICLE 3, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY SEX OFFENDERS AND PRE- AND POSTSENTENCE RISK ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT FOR ADOLESCENT SEX OFFENDERS AGE 14 THROUGH 17 APPEARING BEFORE THE CRIMINAL COURT AS JUVENILE OFFENDERS, YOUTHFUL/ADOLESCENT OFFENDERS OR YOUNG ADULTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$121,921.00 PURSUANT TO AN APPROVED BUDGET.

Approval by your Honorable Board is hereby requested to authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services ("WJCS"), pursuant to which WJCS will provide pre-dispositional risk assessment and post dispositional treatment of juvenile delinquency sex offenders appearing before the Family Court and pre- and post-sentence risk assessment and treatment for adolescent sex offenders age 14 through 17 appearing before the criminal court as juvenile offenders, youthful/adolescent offenders or young adults ("Program") for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$121,921.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

For the past several years, the County Probation Department ("Department") has provided the Program through contracts with WJCS. The Program assists Judges to reach appropriate dispositions and sentences for these offenders including directives for offense specific treatment, offense specific residential placements and increased protection of the community.

The public purpose of this contract is to increase the public safety of the residents of Westchester County by reducing the risk of repeated sexual offense by adjudicated youth through proven behavioral remediation in partnership with Department supervision and through recommendations of restrictive placement for youth assessed to be at "high risk" for repeated offending behavior. Significant cost saving and protection to the community are gained by minimizing out-of-home (and out-of-state) placement by safely maintaining adjudicated youth in the community with treatment and supervision. All of these young offenders were at serious risk of placement outside the home. At the annual cost of approximately \$200,000 per sex offender placement, the ability to safely monitor these juveniles in the community provides significant cost savings for the County.

Performance of the Program will be tracked in quarterly reports from WJCS to the Department that will detail the number of completed assessments and the timeliness of their submission. Each probation officer assigned to youth in treatment will also receive a quarterly report of progress and/or problems in treatment. Any high-risk behaviors will immediately be reported to the probation officer.

The Program meets the County's commitment to protect public safety without undue or unjustified expenditure because it provides effective evidence based assessment and treatment protocols at very reasonable rates. Without the Program, the young perpetrators would not receive the significant behavioral intervention and influences often needed to motivate and guide this population to reform or control their actions. Research shows that without intensive treatment the youth would likely continue their anti-social behavior and become a greater threat to society as they age and thus a greater public financial and resource burden.

This agreement is exempt from the application of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) xviii of said Policy.

RAP/SV/mg
Enclosure

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION CONTRACT 01/21/2022 RAYMOND SISKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County") be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services ("WJCS"), pursuant to which WJCS will provide pre-dispositional risk assessment and post-dispositional treatment of Family Court Act, Article 3, juvenile delinquency sex offenders and pre and post-sentence risk assessment and treatment for adolescent sex offenders ages 14 through 17 appearing before the criminal court as juvenile offenders, youthful/adolescent offenders or young adults for the period from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$121,921.00, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to the 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 (the "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 the 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 impacts of any such State Budget 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 this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

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

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	39	1000	4380		\$121,921.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2022 Start Date 01/01/2022 End Date 12/31/2022
(must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	<u>\$121,921.00</u>
	State Aid	<u>\$0</u>
	Federal Aid	<u>\$0</u>
	Other	<u>\$0</u>

\$121,921.00
(must match resolution)

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/27/2022 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY