

DATE: April 19, 2010

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Marlene E. Furtick, Executive Director
Westchester County Youth Bureau

RE: Authority to enter into an Agreement with the Center for Human Options, Inc. to operate the Peer Leaders with Purpose II Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not-to-exceed \$72,670.

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with the Center for Human Options, Inc. ("CFHO") to operate the Peer Leaders with Purpose II program, under a portion of the County's Youth Services Program funding, for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The funding for this program will be provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in an amount not to exceed \$36,335 and by CFHO in an amount not to exceed \$36,335 for a total program amount not to exceed \$72,670.

The Peer Leaders With Purpose Program is a youth development program that addresses Gang Prevention, Advocacy Issues, and Teenage Pregnancy Prevention, in addition to other critical issues facing Greenburgh's at-risk youth, including academic failure, criminal activity, sexual activity and STD's, and alcohol and substance abuse. The program is comprised of three components that will guide students through a steady progression of development of their leadership assets and abilities, and provide them with the support they need to manage pressure, problems and conflicts – 1) Leadership Skills Training: Two full school days focusing on increasing leadership skills, interpersonal skills, development of personal growth plans as well as building a community; 2) Motivational counseling: Led by CFHO staff, trained peer leaders and additional youth receive the opportunity for advanced training in such practices as prevention, communication and interpersonal relations; and 3) Summer Leadership Training Project: 100 hours of leadership training over a five-week period during the summer consisting of both instructional and observational activities implemented by older youth who are alumnae of the program. The program will serve 40 youth in 2010.

- Of the 14 youth who participate in the Summer Leadership Program, 80% (11) of the participants will demonstrate positive behavior change in a variety of settings, at home, at school and with peers as measured by pre and post tests.
- Of 16 youth who participate in Leadership Skills Training, 90% (14) will increase their leadership and interpersonal skills as measured by leadership skills surveys.
- Of 16 youth who participate in Motivational Counseling sessions, 90% (14) will learn positive communication skills as measured by motivational counseling sessions.

The proposed Agreement is in the best interest of the County in terms of public safety because it provides youth with the support they need to avoid high risk behaviors. If this resolution was not approved, the taxpayers would be faced with increased costs to address gang involvement, substance abuse, and criminal behavior.

Each of the goals and objectives as stated above will be tracked and monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual reports, Report Cards and by bi-yearly site visits from Youth Bureau Program Monitors.

This program was funded in 2009. Please note that outcomes were achieved as indicated below:

- Of the 14 youth who participated in the Summer Leadership Program, 100% indicated that they avoid getting into trouble, do the right thing, and are happy with the way they behave.
- Of 16 youth who participated in Leadership Skills Training, 100% increased their leadership and interpersonal skills as indicated on the post leadership skills surveys.
- Of 16 youth who participate in Motivational Counseling sessions, 100% have learned positive communication skills as indicated on post motivational counseling surveys.

Pursuant to Act No. 19 – 2010 adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators on March 22, 2010, the County of Westchester was authorized to participate in a Resource Allocation Plan to provide State reimbursement for certain youth services programs which operate with funding provided by the County's Youth Services Program.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)xviii thereof. Nevertheless, in 2008 the Youth Bureau issued an RFP to cover the program years 2009 – 2011. This agency is one of 94 agencies that submitted a proposal in response to the RFP. However due to the precariousness of the funding stream from the state, the Youth Bureau deemed it appropriate to enter into one year contracts with this agency as opposed to a three year contract as stated in the above mentioned RFP. The agency has agreed to year to year contracts for the 2009 – 2011 period based upon appropriation and contract compliance.

An appropriate Resolution is attached hereto for your Honorable Board's consideration.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 5-6-2010 - JOMIRY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Executive Director of the Westchester County Youth Bureau, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Center for Human Options, Inc. to operate the Peer Leaders with Purpose II program, under a portion of the County's Youth Services Program, for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, for a total program amount not to exceed Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy (\$72,670); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding for this program will be provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in an amount not to exceed \$36,335 and by the Center for Human Options, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$36,335; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this 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 (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 that Contractor shall have the right to terminate their Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; 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.

	Fund	Dept. code	Unit #	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Account to be charged/credited YDDP-YS	263	11	188K	4380	T188	\$36,335
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2010		Start Date	January 1, 2010	End Date	December 31, 2010
Funding Source	Tax Dollars ___ \$ _____					
	State Aid ___ \$36,335 _____					
\$ 72,670 (must match resolution)	Federal Aid ___ \$ _____					
	Other ___ \$36,335 (agency match) _____					