

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 Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester, Inc. to operate the GEMS & Little Sisters in Kids Connection Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester, Inc. (the "YWCA") to operate the GEMS & Little Sisters in Kids Connection Program, under a portion of the County's Youth Services Program, 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 \$90,000 and by the YWCA in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 for a total program amount not to exceed \$180,000.

The YWCA's GEMS & Little Sisters in Kids Connection program supports girls from elementary through their high school years. The girls get accurate helpful information on informed risking; health and wellness; gender-neutral careers; and visits by college career staff. Staff members address social skills and support interactions by providing activities where the girls can role play, have group discussions, and social outings. A new component we will introduce this year is a series of mother and daughter workshops focusing on puberty, teenage pregnancy and effective communication between parent and child.

2010 Outcomes:

- Of the 46 High School and Middle School participants, 35 will learn methods of pregnancy prevention and gain knowledge of teen pregnancy statistics, which will be measured by pre and post testing, consultant evaluations and journaling. In addition the participants will have increased knowledge and understanding of sexually transmitted diseases, as well as risk behaviors such as drugs and alcohol.
- Of the 110 GEMS participants, 77 will learn the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and will participate in sessions geared around fitness and nutrition. This will be measured by the use of the pedometer as well as pre and post tests.
- Of the 28 High School participants, 21 will improve their knowledge of higher education institutes, both in state and out of state, by attending various college tours as measured by completed student evaluations and journaling.

The proposed Agreement is in the interest of the County in terms of public safety because it provides them with the support they need to avoid high risk behaviors including increases in drop outs, teen pregnancy, substance abuse and criminal behavior. If this resolution were not approved, the taxpayer would be faced with increased costs to address possible substance abuse, teenage pregnancy 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 the outcomes were achieved as indicated below:

- Of the 46 middle and high school students, 39 participated in workshops conducted by Planned Parenthood. The following topics were covered; contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, Aids, HIV, risky behaviors, and date rape (high school students only). (Achieved more than contracted for)
- All of the participants 110 GEMS participated in fitness classes as well as nutrition classes offered by White Plains Hospital staff and a certified fitness trainer. The students measured and recorded their steps by use of a pedometer. The students also participated in surveys to gauge their understanding of nutrition facts and appropriate portions of meals. (Achieved more than contracted for)
- 8 of our 28 High School participants attended our annual college tour. An additional 6 students attended college tours with other local organizations. The obstacle we faced in achieving this goal was the implementation of rigorous requirements to attend the college tour. This year each student must have achieved and maintained a GPA equivalent to C+ average, maintained good attendance in the GEMS program and community involvement both in school and out of school. Although some of the students struggled and were unable to attend college tours, all of the high school students improved their grades by the end of the school year. We anticipate 75% participation in the upcoming year's college tour.

The Youth Development Delinquency Prevention Program – Youth Services funds experimental programs and organized activities that have as their purpose the detection and prevention of juvenile delinquency, as well as other services directed towards youth development.

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.

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 Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester, Inc. to operate the GEMS & Little Sisters in Kids Connection 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 One Hundred Eighty Thousand (\$180,000) Dollars; 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 \$90,000 and by the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$90,000; 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	\$90,000
Budget Funding Year(s) <u>2010</u> Start Date <u>January 1, 2010</u> End Date <u>December 31, 2010</u> (must match resolution)						
Funding Source	Tax Dollars _____ \$ _____					
	State Aid _____ \$90,000 _____					
<u>\$ 180,000</u> (must match resolution)	Federal Aid _____ \$ _____					
	Other _____ \$90,000 (agency match) _____					