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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Leonard G. Townes
Commissioner

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DATE: March 25, 2022

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 scholarship/financial assistance to families who are at or below 85% of the New York State Median Income, for a term commencing on January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022, for a not to exceed amount of \$3,300,000.00.

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 above the State Income Standards and Title XX levels established by Office for Children and Family Services ("OCFS") but at or below 85% of the New York State Median Income ("85% SMI") level, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022, for a not to exceed amount of \$3,300,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget, and subject to appropriation. Child Care Council shall administer \$2,985,792.00 in scholarships made directly to eligible families and Child Care Council shall retain \$314,208.00 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 both the established State Income Standards and Title XX levels but within 85% SMI level. The Scholarship Program will help maintain the local economy by stabilizing the local childcare industry and by supporting working families thereby keeping them in the workforce.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are to assist households with total gross household income falling above the State Income Standard and Title XX levels established by OCFS but at or below 85% SMI provide child care for their children. The Agreement also bolsters the local economy by supporting working families, keeping them in the workforce, and stabilizing the fragile childcare community.

The public purpose of the proposed Agreement is to support reliable, quality care for Westchester's working families who fall between the State Income Standards and 85% SMI, maintain Westchester's local economy, keep parents employed in the workforce, and assist with the stabilization of the childcare community in Westchester County. These families are ineligible under the Federal Poverty Levels yet are still earning less than the State Median Income while burdened by high childcare costs.

The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health and safety of children and intended to 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 they it will support working families burdened with childcare costs and high living costs 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 Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc. 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, enter into an agreement (“Agreement”) with Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc. (“Child Care Council”) to administer scholarship/financial assistance to families who are at or below 85% of the New York State Median Income, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2022, for a not to exceed amount of \$3,300,000.00; 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.

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Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	8900	5990 (99)	-----	\$3,300,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2022 Start Date: 01.01.2022 End Date: 12.31.2022
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

\$3,300,000
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: 100%
State Aid:
Federal Aid:
Other:

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