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Chairwoman,
Westchester County
Board of Legislators

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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Catherine Borgia
Chairwoman, Westchester County Board of Legislators

SUBJECT: Request for authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Teatown Lake Reservation, Inc. pursuant to which Teatown Lake Reservation, Inc. will provide the Nature Girls Program for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Authority is respectfully requested for the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an agreement with Teatown Lake Reservation, Inc. ("Teatown"), pursuant to which Teatown will provide the Nature Girls Program for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, payable in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 upon contract execution, and an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 on September 1, 2022.

The proposed agreement will serve a public purpose by providing girls in 5th grade (ages 10-14) from Ossining and other underserved communities with the Nature Girls Program ("Nature Girls") which includes activities at Teatown that foster creativity, science skills, and inquiry through twenty-four (24) after-school sessions. Nature Girls seeks to develop the whole child in mind, body, and spirit through seasonal nature exploration, discussions, instructor-led activities, service projects, self-discovery, and teamwork. Girls enrolled in the Nature Girls Program explore Teatown's preserve while focusing on cooperation, self-confidence, and leadership skills. Teatown's Director of Education oversees the Nature Girls Program, and the services are provided by environmental teachers and educators.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are to provide a twenty-four (24) week after-school enrichment program which will serve approximately thirty (30)

underserved 5th grade girls (ages 10-14) during the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; increase the girls' knowledge of natural science and environmental facts and terminology; improve their critical thinking skills by exposing them to scientific thinking and methods of analysis; increase their comfort level and confidence with nature, and encourage outdoor nature discovery; teach them about the importance of conserving, protecting, and improving their community's natural resources; and expose them to "STEM" and "green" jobs.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored in different ways for each of the various aspects of the programs and services to be provided.

This procurement is exempt from the requirements of the County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(ix) thereof.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

CB/AR/LAC
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 04/14/2022 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chairwoman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Teatown Lake Reservation, Inc. ("Teatown") pursuant to which Teatown will provide the Nature Girls Program for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, payable in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 upon contract execution, and an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 on September 1, 2022 (Agreement"); 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 the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairwoman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, or her duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take such actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Sub-unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Dollars
101	52	2508	0010	5100	\$50,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) Start Date 1/1/22 End Date 12/31/22
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$50,000.00
 State Aid _____
\$50,000.00 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____