

DATE: April 26, 2010

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

RE: Authority to enter an Agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, Inc. to operate the After School Fun Club – Mt. Kisco II Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in the total amount not-to-exceed \$200,000 to be paid in accordance with an approved budget.

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, Inc. (the “Agency”) to operate the After School Fun Club – Mt. Kisco II Program, under a portion of the County’s Youth Initiatives 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 \$100,000 and by the Agency in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for a total program amount not to exceed \$200,000 to be paid in accordance with an approved budget.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Northern Westchester’s Mt. Kisco Fun Club II Program serves 80 at-risk youth (boys and girls, ages 5 – 16 years old) residing within or near Mt. Kisco, an economically, ethnically, racially and religiously diverse area. The comprehensive youth development program provides various programs that seek to enhance character development, learning strategy skills, academic performance, leadership skills, and resistance skills. They seek to increase the developmental assets or protective factors youth need for proper academic, physical, social and emotional development.

2010 Goals:

- Of the 80 youth who will participate in the Club’s Fun Club II Program, 64 (80%) will increase their reading and writing year-end averages over the previous year, as measured by report cards.
- Of the 80 youth who will participate in the Club’s Fun Club II Program, 64 (80%) will be more physically fit and eat healthier at the end of one year, as measured by pre and post testing.
- Of the 80 youth who will participate in the Club’s Fun Club II Program, 64 (80%) will gain knowledge of the concepts of community service/philanthropy/volunteerism and as a result be more benevolent, as measured by pre and post surveys.

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 were not approved, the taxpayer 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 80 youth who participated in the Club’s Fun Club II Program, 97% (17% more than contracted) increased their reading and writing year-end averages over the previous year, as measured by report cards.

- Of the 80 youth who participated in the Club's Fun Club II Program, 100% (20% more than contracted) are more physically fit and ate healthier at the end of one year, as measured by pre and post testing.
- Of the 80 youth who participated in the Club's Fun Club II Program, 100% (20% more than contracted) gained knowledge of the concepts of community service/philanthropy/volunteerism and as a result are more benevolent, as measured by pre and post surveys.

The Youth Initiatives Program uses funds for the encouragement and support of high priority youth. Such programs work to develop advocacy and self-help projects and spur school related prevention in problem areas such as truancy, dropping out, human sexuality, suspension and violence. Other goals of this program include preventing inappropriate placement of youth in residential or institutional settings; identifying and providing assistance to troubled youth and their parents; providing projects for youth with limited English-speaking skills; offering youth services outreach to youth; and assisting with police youth service projects and employment projects directed towards youth.

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 Initiatives 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 - 5/15/10 - COUNTY CLERK/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 Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, Inc. to operate the After School Fun Club – Mt. Kisco II Program, under a portion of the County’s Youth Initiatives Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 for a total program amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars to be paid in accordance with an approved budget; 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 \$100,000 and by the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; 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-YI	663	11	189K	4380	T189	\$100,000	
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2010		Start Date	January 1, 2010		End Date	December 31, 2010
Funding Source	Tax Dollars _____ \$ _____						
	State Aid _____ \$100,000 _____						
\$ 200,000 (must match resolution)	Federal Aid _____ \$ _____						
	Other _____ \$100,000 (agency match) _____						