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DATE: June 13, 2022

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Leonard Townes
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to (1) enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds in the amount of \$43,350 for the term 1/1/22 through 12/31/22 pursuant to OCFS' Safe Harbour: NY Program and (2) enter into agreements with Children's Village, Inc., Dr. Carol Chu-Peralta, The Mental Health Association of Westchester, Inc., Ronald J. Barrett d/b/a Each One Teach One Gang Prevention, and Teens Under Construction, Inc.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through the Department of Social Services ("Department") to enter into a grant agreement ("Grant Agreement") with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") to accept grant funds in the amount of \$43,350 ("Grant Funds") for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, pursuant to OCFS' Safe Harbour: NY program ("Program" or "Safe Harbour").

Authority is further requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into the following agreements: 1) Children's Village, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$14,500 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the provision of the Safe Harbour Youth Leadership program to provide sexually exploited and "at risk" youth with extra-curricular activities, empowerment workshops, therapeutic self-defense classes, leadership projects, holiday activities and transportation; 2) Dr. Carol Chu-Peralta in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the provision of clinical consultation, training, and supervision for Safe Harbour staff; 3) The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the provision of the Safe Harbour Wraparound program to provide youth with "Survivor Bags" that include essential items such as clothing, hygiene products, and pre-paid cellphones; 4) Ronald J. Barrett d/b/a Each One Teach One Gang Prevention in an amount not to exceed \$1,300 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the provision of two virtual trainings for Safe Harbour staff to

provide an overview of youth gang culture and the role of sex trafficking within gang culture; and 5) Teens Under Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the provision of the Hip Hop Therapy program that includes two (2) six (6) week Hip Hop therapy sessions for approximately twenty-four to thirty (24-30) youth that includes musical therapy sessions that incorporates understanding trauma through the integration of Hip Hop and song creation which has been found to assist youth with verbalizing emotions and identifying new coping techniques ("Agreements"), payable pursuant to approved budgets. It should be noted that the remaining amount not to exceed \$14,550 will be retained by the Department for administrative costs incurred in administering the Grant Agreement and the Agreements.

This Program identifies and provides services to sexually exploited and "at risk" youth in Westchester County. The County has successfully completed several years in partnering with OCFS through this Program. As such, OCFS has designated the County as a "graduated community", and therefore the County was deemed eligible to receive the Grant Funds to continue supporting the efforts developed through its participation in this Program. Services provided include wraparound services in the area of community based social activities, peer mentorship, leadership opportunities, and transportation for youth to attend wraparound services, activities and safe retreats. The use of the Grant Funds will also include a public awareness campaign, staff training and development for Department Safe Harbour staff, clinical consultations, and staff to attend the retreats previously described herein.

The Grant Agreement does not constitute a procurement and therefore the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply. The Agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (viii) thereof.

The Grant Agreement and the Agreements shall serve a public purpose by identifying and providing services to sexually exploited minors and minors who are "at risk" of being sexually exploited. The goals and objectives of the Grant Agreement and the Agreements shall be to assist these youth so as to avoid foster care and the juvenile justice system through a program of identification, assistance and support. The goals, objectives and performance under the terms of the Grant Agreement and the Agreements will be tracked and monitored by the Department.

I certify that my Department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board's approval of the attached resolution.

LT/LAC
Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through the Department of Social Services ("Department") is authorized to enter into a grant agreement ("Grant Agreement") with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") to accept grant funds in the amount of \$43,350 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, pursuant to OCFS' Safe Harbour: NY program ("Program"); and to enter into the following agreements: 1) Children's Village, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$14,500 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the provision of the Safe Harbour Youth Leadership program to provide sexually exploited and "at risk" youth with extra-curricular activities, empowerment workshops, therapeutic self-defense classes, leadership projects, holiday activities and transportation; Dr. Carol Chu-Peralta in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the provision of clinical consultation, training, and supervision for Safe Harbour staff; 3) The Mental Health Association of Westchester County, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the provision of the Safe Harbour Wraparound program to provide "Survivor Bags" to youth that include essential items such as clothing, hygiene products, and pre-paid cellphones; 4) Ronald J. Barrett d/b/a Each One Teach One Gang Prevention in an amount not to exceed \$1,300 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the provision of two virtual trainings for Safe Harbour staff to provide an overview of youth gang culture and the role of sex trafficking within gang culture; and 5) Teens Under Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, for the provision of the Hip Hop Therapy program that includes two (2) six (6) week Hip Hop therapy sessions for approximately twenty-four to thirty (24-30) youth that includes musical therapy sessions that incorporates understanding trauma through the integration of Hip Hop and song creation which has been found to assist youth with verbalizing emotions, and identifying new coping techniques ("Agreements") payable pursuant to approved budgets, and an amount not to exceed \$14,550 will be retained by the Department for administrative costs incurred in administering the Grant Agreement and the Agreements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreements are subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of the Agreements. 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 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 either to terminate these Agreements or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractors, then the Contractors shall have the right to terminate these Agreements upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	22	487X	9854	T487	\$43,350
263	22	487X	4380	T487	\$43,350

Budget Funding Year(s):2022
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 01/01/22

End Date: 12/31/22

Funding Source

Tax Dollars:

State Aid: 100%

Federal Aid:

Other:

\$43,350
(must match resolution)

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 06/30/2022 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY