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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: Authority to exempt the procurement of an agreement with the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Inc. to provide the Mount Vernon Emerging Adult Justice Initiative serving as a specialty part of Mount Vernon City Court to reduce the incarceration of emerging adults between the ages of 18-25 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Policy"), pursuant to Sec. 3 (a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Inc. ("Youth Shelter Program") to provide the Mount Vernon Emerging Adult Justice Initiative serving as a specialty part of Mount Vernon City Court to reduce the incarceration of emerging adults between the ages of 18-25 for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$47,000.00 (the "Agreement").

The proposed Agreement would provide developmentally appropriate responses for emerging adults within the justice system. Through the Mount Vernon Emerging Adult Justice Initiative, local City Court judges will offer closed courtrooms or separate trial proceedings for emerging adults, and will initiate and offer alternative sentences including participation in community-based programming.

The goal is to reduce the incarceration of youth between the ages of 18 and 25, and to introduce appropriate interventions including substance abuse counseling, mental health programs, as well as educational interventions.

Ordinarily, pursuant to Section 5 of the Policy, the County is required to solicit written quotations from no less than three persons or entities customarily providing such services. However, the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Inc. has unique qualifications to provide this alternative to incarceration program for emerging adults in Mount Vernon. The program will provide meaningful opportunities for resolving criminal cases by pursuing alternatives to conventional prosecution, sentencing and incarceration for young people between the ages of 18-25. The objective will be connecting young adults with services, resources, and opportunities through a collaborative effort involving public and private stakeholders to place emerging adults on the path of success and self-autonomy in becoming productive members of society.

It would be in the best interests of the County to enter into agreement with the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Inc. to provide these services.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Policy, it is recommended that your Honorable Board determine, by resolution passed prior to commencing the procurement of Youth Shelter Program's services that compliance with procedural requirements of the Policy would not be in the best interest of the County.

Accordingly, a resolution to exempt the procurement of this agreement is hereby submitted for your Honorable Board's consideration. A separate resolution has been submitted requesting authority to enter into the Agreement.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION
JANUARY 2021
RAYMOND CULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interest of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement between the County of Westchester and the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Inc. to provide the Mount Vernon Emerging Adult Justice Initiative serving as a specialty part of Mount Vernon City Court to reduce the incarceration of emerging adults between the ages of 18-25.

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