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Department of Social Services

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DATE: July 28, 2026

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Leonard G. Townes, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to retroactively enter into nine (9) agreements to provide summer youth employment programs for economically disadvantaged youth pursuant to the New York State Temporary Assistance to Needy Families 2026 Summer Youth Employment Program, for the period from May 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026, for an aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$920,575.00

Attached for your consideration is a resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), on behalf of its Office of Workforce Investment, to retroactively enter into nine (9) separate agreements (the "Agreements") with the agencies listed below, to provide summer youth employment programs (each individually referred to as the "Program" and collectively as the "Programs") to economically disadvantaged youth, at-risk and vulnerable youth under 21 years of age, including but not limited to, youth in foster care, homeless and runaway youth, and youth with a disability, funded through the New York State's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") Summer 2026 Youth Employment Program (the "SYEP Program"), with each of the Agreements to be for a retroactive term commencing on May 1, 2026 and expiring on September 30, 2026, for a total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$920,575.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

The nine (9) agencies and the individual funding amounts for each of the Agreements shall be as follows:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
1. Port Chester Carver Center	\$119,600.00
2. Westhab, Inc.	\$52,000.00
3. Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.	\$65,000.00
4. Thomas H. Slater Community Center, Inc.	\$65,000.00
5. Ossining Youth Bureau	\$83,375.00
6. City of White Plains Youth Bureau	\$65,000.00
7. City of New Rochelle Youth Bureau	\$130,000.00
8. The Children's Village, Inc.	\$145,600.00
9. City of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau	<u>\$195,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$920,575.00

Although the Program is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy (the "Policy") pursuant to Section 3 (a) (xviii) thereof, on March 25, 2026 the Department, on behalf of the Westchester County's Office of Workforce Investment, issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to solicit proposals from public and private organizations to deliver employment services to various youth under 21 years of age in Westchester County during the summer of 2026. The RFP was posted on the County and One Stop websites, advertised in the Journal News and sent via email to One Stop partners. The County received Twelve (12) proposals. Following a review of each proposal with reference to the price proposals and evaluation criteria set forth in the RFP, the review committee recommended that the nine (9) agencies listed receive service contracts for the Summer Youth Employment Program. Due to reduced funding and increased program costs, three proposers were not recommended to provide services under the Summer Youth Employment Program. Funding recommendations were based on evaluation scores and each organization's ability to successfully administer the program and meet contractual requirements.

The total funding is \$1,083,030.00, of which \$920,575.00 will be allocated to the nine (9) selected vendors. The remaining \$162,455.00 will be used for staff salaries and other than personal services (OTPS).

The services provided pursuant to the Agreements will serve a public purpose by assisting TANF eligible, at- risk and vulnerable youth in the Westchester County with securing paid summer employment for no less than six (6) weeks.

The goals and objectives of the Agreements are to place eligible at-risk youth from low income households in subsidized employment to introduce them to the workforce and help them acquire skills and practical work experience that can be used to improve school performance and provide guidance towards becoming responsible adults.

The goals and objectives of the Agreements are in the County's best interests regarding fiscal responsibility because the participating youth will earn a fair and reasonable income during the term of the Agreements, providing a financial incentive, which they will use to address their immediate financial needs.

The goals and objectives of the Agreements are also in the County's best interest regarding public safety because the participating youth are less likely to engage in negative social behavior and more likely to gain valuable experience in the workforce interacting with working adults which can help youth recognize the importance and value of how educational achievement impacts their future education and career goals.

The Department shall track and monitor the goals and objectives of the Agreements through monthly reports submitted by each agency's program staff and by reviewing customer case record data. Success and failure of the Agreements will be measured against the following:

1. The successful registration of at least three hundred fifty-seven (357) youth in the programs, and
2. Eighty percent (80%) of youth enrolled in the SYEP Program will successfully complete six (6) weeks of employment.

A resolution requesting same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

LGT/MS
Attachments

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services, Office of Workforce Investment, is hereby authorized to retroactively enter into nine (9) agreements (the "Agreements") with the nine (9) agencies listed below for each to operate a summer youth employment program funded through the New York State's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ("TANF") 2026 Summer Youth Employment Program, with each of the Agreements to be for a retroactive term commencing on May 1, 2026 and terminating on September 30, 2026, for a total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$920,575.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget, and identified below as follows:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
1. Port Chester Carver Center	\$119,600.00
2. Westhab, Inc.	\$52,000.00
3. Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc.	\$65,000.00
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TOTAL	\$920,575.00

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RESOLVED, that the Agreements are subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreements are 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 these 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 period 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 the Agreements or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved therein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to any of the nine (9) above listed agencies, then each shall have the right to terminate their respective Agreements upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is empowered to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to effect the purpose of this resolution.

1. Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
275	22	B405	7340	T405	\$920,575.00

2. Budget Funding Year(s): 2026 (Grant Year)

Start Date: May 1, 2026

End Date: September 30, 2026

(must match resolution)

3. Funding Source:

Federal	100%	CFDA#(s)	93.558		
State	N/A	State ID#(s)	N/A		
Operating/ Tax Levy	N/A				
Capital	N/A				

4. Total NTE: \$920,575.00

(must match resolution)