

**109585**

To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Honorable George Latimer  
Westchester County Executive  
Robin Schlaff  
Director, Office for Women

Date: July 17, 2024

Subject: Authority to enter into an agreement with United Community Center of Westchester, Inc. to provide community-based domestic violence support services, for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$77,240.

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The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with United Community Center of Westchester, Inc. ("UCCW") pursuant to which UCCW will provide community-based domestic violence support services for those affected by domestic and family violence, for a term commencing April 1, 2024 and continuing through March 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$77,240, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget.

Domestic and family violence continue to pervade society, and Westchester County is not immune to these serious family offenses. Support continues to be needed for adult victims and their families to help ameliorate the emotional, psychological or physical harm that is endemic to these situations. By providing services in a community-based local setting that is culturally aligned with clients in need, there will be better connections in underserved communities in the New Rochelle Family Court catchment area.

Authority to exempt this Agreement from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi thereof, has been granted by your Honorable Board in accordance with a separate resolution of even date herewith.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by supporting domestic violence support services for victims, which enable victims to become safe and independent and avoid returning to their abusers or becoming dependent on public assistance.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are to provide community-based domestic violence support services for those affected by domestic and family violence.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of the public health, safety and general welfare, as supporting victims may help break the cycle of violence and prevent their involvement in an abusive relationship now or in their future, thereby reducing pain and suffering, public safety costs and medical costs.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Office for Women.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/08/2024 - RAYMOND SCULK, SECRETARY

# RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Westchester County Executive and Director of the Office of Women, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, (the “County”) is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with United Community Center of Westchester, Inc. to provide community-based domestic violence support services for those affected by domestic and family violence, for an amount not to exceed \$77,240, for the term April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, payable quarterly pursuant to an approved budget (the “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 (“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 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 impact of any such budget(s) 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 the agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

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

Account to be charged/credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase, or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars	Funding Year(s)
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$77,240	2024

Budget Funding Year(s): 2024      Start Date: 4/1/2024      End Date: 3/31/2025  
 (must match resolution)

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Funding Source:      Tax Dollars   \$77,240    
                                  State Aid                                     
                                  Federal Aid                                     
                                  Other