



Vedat Gashi
Chairman,
Westchester County
Board of Legislators

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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Vedat Gashi
Chairman, Westchester County Board of Legislators

SUBJECT: Request for authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center Inc., d/b/a Westchester Community Health Center, for community healthcare outreach services to those in need for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$55,105.00, to be paid half upon execution of the Agreement and half on or about August 1, 2025, pursuant to an approved budget.

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center Inc., d/b/a Westchester Community Health Center (the "Contractor"), pursuant to which the Contractor will provide community healthcare outreach services to those in need for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$55,105.00, half payable within thirty (30) days of contract execution, and half payable on or about August 1, 2025, after the receipt of appropriate invoices and pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement").

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Contractor will provide an Outreach Worker at Westchester Community Health Center.

Specifically, with respect to the "Outreach Worker at Westchester Community Health Center – Yonkers," the Contractor will employ a full-time Outreach Worker to conduct targeted community outreach to as many residents as possible. This individual would be responsible for: (1) conducting street outreach within the catchment area in order to identify prospective patients; (2) distribute outreach materials; (3) document each outreach contact; (4) participate in health fairs and neighborhood community activities; (5) provide referral information about available health network services, and; (6) assist in developing and implementing marketing campaigns for the communities served.

The Outreach Worker's role in community engagement and education will be crucial to ensuring that the facility will meet the community's needs effectively upon its opening. The high prevalence of chronic illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, and respiratory conditions within the community underscores the urgent need for comprehensive healthcare services that are easily accessible. As such, the new walk-in center and the ongoing work of the Outreach Worker will be essential in addressing these challenges, offering preventive care and management of chronic conditions to improve health outcomes.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by ensuring that quality health care is available to everyone in our community. The Contractor focuses on community outreach activities aimed at reaching higher-risk and underserved populations.

The Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xiv) thereof, which exempts any procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with not for profit organizations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance.

It is respectfully requested and recommended that your Honorable Board approve the annexed Resolution.

VG/AR/mg
Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is authorized to enter into an Agreement (the "Agreement") with Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center Inc., d/b/a Westchester Community Health Center (the "Contractor") pursuant to which the Contractor will provide community healthcare outreach services to those in need for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$55,105.00, half payable within thirty (30) days of contract execution, and half payable on or about August 1, 2025, after the receipt of appropriate invoices and pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 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 the 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 adoptions(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 the 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 Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take such actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Sub-unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Dollars
101	52	2509	0010	5100	\$55,105.00

Budget Funding Year(s) Start Date 1/1/25 End Date 12/31/25
(must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars <u>\$55,105.00</u>
	State Aid _____
<u>\$55,105.00</u>	Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)	Other _____