

112895

To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive
Robin Schlaff
Director, Office for Women

Date: January 21, 2026

Subject: Authority for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Office for Women, to enter into an agreement with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation ("WCHCC"), pursuant to which WCHCC will operate its Sexual Assault, Abuse and Victims Empowerment Program and provide free, culturally-competent bilingual services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault residing in the County, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2027, in a total amount not to exceed \$870,000.00, to be paid quarterly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations.

Authority is requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Office for Women, to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation ("WCHCC"), pursuant to which WCHCC will operate its Sexual Assault, Abuse and Victims Empowerment ("SAAVE") Program and provide free, culturally-competent bilingual services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault residing in the County (the "Services"), for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2027, in a total amount not to exceed \$870,000.00, to be paid quarterly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations. The funding amount for calendar year 2025 will not exceed Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars. The funding amount for calendar years 2026 and 2027 will not exceed Three Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand (\$335,000.00) Dollars per year.

According to the 2010 census, the foreign born population of the County accounts for almost 24% of the population, and is evenly split between naturalized U.S. citizens and non-citizens, with Hispanics accounting for more than 20% of the foreign born population. It is generally accepted that the number of Spanish-speaking mono and bilingual residents has been growing and is much greater than the numbers stated. The needs of this community for services for victims of sexual assault have increased with the increase in population. It is estimated that only 16% of sex crimes are reported

statewide, making it difficult to accurately estimate the number in Westchester County. The trauma associated with sexual violence creates a significant health burden for survivors of sexual assault. These health problems can lead to hospitalization, interruptions in the ability to work, disability, and death.

WCHCC's SAAVE Program will include access to a bilingual, 24/7 County-wide hotline for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; crisis counseling and advocacy; accompaniment to appropriate resources, including sexual assault exams, police, hospitals, and other providers; comprehensive outreach; education; follow-up; and other related culturally-competent services.

By Act 253-2025, which was approved by the Westchester County Board of Legislators on December 8, 2025 (the "Act"), the County was authorized to enter into the Agreement with WCHCC, pursuant to which WCHCC will operate its SAAVE Program and provide free, culturally-competent bilingual services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault residing in the County, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2027, in a total amount not to exceed \$870,000.00.

It should be noted that Section 3307(4) of the New York Public Authorities Law requires the approval of your Honorable Board for this Agreement. Accordingly, authority is now respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into the Agreement with WCHCC on the terms set forth above.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with bilingual support services, which will increase the likelihood of victims to pursue criminal justice or other remedies to hold offenders accountable.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement are for WCHCC to operate its SAAVE Program and provide free, culturally-competent bilingual services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault residing in the County.

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

On November 21, 2024, the County, acting by and through its Office for Women, issued a request for proposals that solicited proposals to provide the Services ("RFP"). In response to the RFP, the County received two (2) proposals. The Office for Women had several individuals review the proposals and evaluate them based on the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. After carefully reviewing and considering each proposal, the Office for Women determined that the proposal from WCHCC satisfied all of the evaluation criteria outlined in the RFP. Further, the Office for Women conducted an analysis of the cost proposal from WCHCC and found that it is reasonable. Based on the Office for Women's review of the proposal from WCHCC and WCHCC's performance under previous contracts with the County, the Office for Women is satisfied that it is a reasonable vendor for these Services. Accordingly, the County has complied

with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, pursuant to 2 CFR §200.320 thereof.

Furthermore, the procurement of the proposed agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(viii) thereof, which exempts contracts with “agencies engaging healthcare workers”.

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution.

RS/RS/SB/mcz
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 02/05/2026 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Office for Women, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the Westchester County Health Care Corporation ("WCHCC"), pursuant to which WCHCC will operate its Sexual Assault, Abuse and Victims Empowerment ("SAAVE") Program and provide free, culturally-competent bilingual services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault residing in the County, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2027, in a total amount not to exceed \$870,000.00, to be paid quarterly pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding amount for calendar year 2025 will not exceed Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the funding amount for calendar years 2026 and 2027 will not exceed Three Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand (\$335,000.00) Dollars per year; 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 (the "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 the 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 impacts of any such State Budget 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 WCHCC, then WCHCC shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take any actions 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)
263	11	A111	4380	T111	\$200,000.00	2025
263	11	B111	4380	T111	\$200,000.00	2026
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$135,000.00	2026
263	11	C111	4380	T111	\$200,000.00	2027
101	11	0900	4380	N/A	\$135,000.00	2027

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025-2027 Start Date: 1/1/2025 End Date: 12/31/2027
 (must match resolution)

\$870,000.00
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \$502,000.00
 State Aid \$224,000.00
 Federal Aid \$144,000.00
 Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 02/05/2026 - RAYMOND B. [REDACTED] SECRETARY