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Department of Social Services
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DATE: April 14, 2025

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to: (1) enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds in the amount of \$40,000 for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 pursuant to OCFS' Safe Harbour: NY Program; and (2) enter into agreements with Children's Village, Inc., Greater Mental Health of New York, and Teens Under Construction, Inc.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through the Department of Social Services ("Department") to enter into a grant agreement (DSS6036-25; the "Grant Agreement") with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") to accept grant funds in the amount of \$40,000 ("Grant Funds") for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, pursuant to OCFS' Safe Harbour: NY program ("Program" or "Safe Harbour").

Authority is further requested for the County, acting by and through the Department, to enter into the following agreements: 1) Children's Village, Inc. (DSS6036A-25) in an amount not to exceed \$7,840 for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the provision of the Safe Harbour Youth Leadership program to provide sexually exploited and "at risk" youth with extra-curricular activities, empowerment workshops, and one youth leadership project; 2) Greater Mental Health of New York (DSS6036B-25) in an amount not to exceed \$8,360 for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the provision of the Safe Harbor Pop-up-Shops program, an entrepreneurial program aimed at increasing financial literacy, funding towards participation for Safe Harbor Awareness Day, and transportation for Safe Harbour youth; 3) Teens Under Construction, Inc. (DSS6036C-25) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the provision of two (2) full day Safe Harbour Retreats for approximately twenty-four to thirty (24-30) youth that includes tools to practice mindfulness as well as leadership skills designed to support their journey towards restorative healing and emotional well-being (together the "Agreements"), payable pursuant to approved budgets. It should be noted that the remaining amount not to exceed \$13,800 will be retained by the Department for Safe Harbour staff training and an additional recreational program to be determined at a later date.

This Program identifies and provides services to sexually exploited and “at risk” youth in Westchester County. The County has successfully completed several years in partnering with OCFS through this Program. As such, OCFS has designated the County as a “graduated community”, and therefore the County was deemed eligible to receive the Grant Funds to continue supporting the efforts developed through its participation in this Program. Services provided community based social activities, peer mentorship, leadership opportunities, pro-social and entrepreneurial opportunities, activities and retreats. The use of the Grant Funds will also include an additional recreational therapeutic program for sexually exploited youth to be determined at a later date, as well as staff training and development for Department Safe Harbour staff.

The Grant Agreement does not constitute a procurement and therefore the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply. The Agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (xviii) thereof.

The Grant Agreement and the Agreements shall serve a public purpose by identifying and providing services to sexually exploited minors and minors who are “at risk” of being sexually exploited. The goals and objectives of the Grant Agreement and the Agreements shall be to assist these youth so as to avoid foster care and the juvenile justice system through a program of identification, assistance and support. The goals, objectives and performance under the terms of the Grant Agreement and the Agreements will be tracked and monitored by the Department.

I certify that my Department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the “Grant Terms”), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Accordingly, I respectfully recommend your Honorable Board’s approval of the attached resolution.

Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through the Department of Social Services ("Department") is authorized to enter into a grant agreement (DSS6036-25; the "Grant Agreement") with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services ("OCFS") to accept grant funds in the amount of \$40,000 for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, pursuant to OCFS' Safe Harbour: NY program ("Program"); and to enter into the following agreements: 1) Children's Village, Inc. (DSS6036A-25) in an amount not to exceed \$7,840 for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the provision of the Safe Harbour Youth Leadership program to provide sexually exploited and "at risk" youth with extra-curricular activities, empowerment workshops, and one youth leadership project; 2) Greater Mental Health of New York (DSS6036B-25) in an amount not to exceed \$8,360 for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the provision of the Safe Harbor Pop-up-Shops program, an entrepreneurial program aimed at increasing financial literacy, funding towards participation for Safe Harbor Awareness Day, and transportation for Safe Harbour youth; 3) Teens Under Construction, Inc. (DSS6036C-25) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the provision of two (2) full day Safe Harbour Retreats for approximately twenty-four to thirty (24-30) that includes tools to practice mindfulness designed to support their journey towards restorative healing and emotional well-being (together the "Agreements"), payable pursuant to approved budgets, and an amount not to exceed \$13,800 will be retained by the Department for an additional recreational therapeutic program for sexually exploited youth to be determined at a later date, administrative costs incurred in administering the Grant Agreement and the Agreements, staff training, and costs associated with hosting the County's Safe Harbour Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreements are 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 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 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 either to terminate these Agreements or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractors, then the Contractors shall have the right to terminate these Agreements upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is authorized 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 |
|------|-------|---|---------------------------|------------------|----------|
| 263 | 22 | A487 | 9854 | T487 | \$40,000 |
| 263 | 22 | A487 | 4380 | T487 | \$40,000 |
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Budget Funding Year(s): 2025

Start Date: 1/1/2025 End Date: 12/31/2025

(must match resolution)

Funding Source:

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|------------------------|------|--------------|-----|--|--|
| Federal | 0% | CFDA#(s) | N/A | | |
| State | 100% | State ID#(s) | N/A | | |
| Operating/ Tax Levy | 0% | | | | |
| Capital | 0% | | | | |

Total NTE: \$40,000

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