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Chairman

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To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Honorable Vedat Gashi
Chair, Westchester County Board of Legislators

Date: July 2, 2025

Subject: Authority to enter into an agreement with the YMCA of Yonkers, Inc., pursuant to which it will provide the Yonkers Community Gardens program to collaborate with residents to cultivate community gardens in the City of Yonkers for the term January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$51,500.00.

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an agreement with the YMCA of Yonkers, Inc. ("YMCA") pursuant to which the YMCA will provide the Yonkers Community Gardens program to collaborate with residents to cultivate community gardens in the City of Yonkers (the "Agreement").

The term of the proposed Agreement will commence retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continue through December 31, 2025. In consideration for all services rendered under the Agreement, the County shall pay YMCA an amount not to exceed \$51,500.00, pursuant to an approved budget.

The proposed Agreement will provide the Community Gardens program which will cultivate 12 Community Gardens in Yonkers as well as conduct workshops and classes in Yonkers Public Schools with students and teachers on gardening practices and healthy eating choices. The goal is to provide community building events through education and workshops to encourage gardening and to strengthen the ties between neighborhood residents. The Agreement and its progress will be monitored by County personnel.

The Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Policy"), pursuant to Section 3 (a) (xviii) thereof, for any procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with persons for the creation and support of recreation projects, youth service projects and other appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime and the advancement of the moral, physical, mental and social wellbeing of the youth of Westchester County.

Additionally, the Agreement is exempt from the Policy pursuant to Section 3 (a) (xiii) thereof, for any procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with not for profit organizations for the support, enhancement or preservation of cultural resources and the arts, and Section 3 (a) (xix) for any procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract with persons to provide direct services to senior citizens including care, counseling, referral, case management, social and nutritional support, and other essential outreach services.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully sought for the County of Westchester to enter into this Agreement.

VG/AR/mb
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 07/10/2025 - RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chair of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is authorized to enter into an agreement with the YMCA of Yonkers, Inc. ("Contractor") to provide the Yonkers Community Gardens program to collaborate with residents to cultivate community gardens in the City of Yonkers for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$51,500.00 (the "Agreement"), payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to County appropriations; 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 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	Sub-Unit	Object	Trust Account	Amount
101	52	2509	0010	5100	N/A	\$51,500.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 1/1/2025

End Date: 12/31/2025

\$51,500.00

(must match resolution)

Funding Source:

Tax Dollars \$51,500.00

State Aid _____

Federal Aid _____

Other _____