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DATE: 7/15/2026

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester, pursuant to which it will operate its Awakenings Program for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed \$225,210.

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services ("Department"), to enter into an agreement (**D3041-26**; the "Agreement") with the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester (the "YWCA"), pursuant to which the YWCA will provide its Awakenings Transitional Housing Program ("Program") for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed \$225,210, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget.

The Program will provide justice-involved women, ex-offenders, and/or survivors of crime with a history of homelessness and/ or substance abuse ("Clients"), a safe and structured supportive housing setting to help these Clients re-integrate back into the community. This Program will serve up to **15** Clients. In addition, the YWCA will provide **3** rooms for permanent housing to Clients referred by the Department.

This Program will serve a public purpose by assisting the County with immediate emergency services as well as providing placements for Clients. These emergency services will improve Clients' quality of life and assist them with reentry into the community.

The goals and objectives of the Program are to provide supervision, meals, shelter and counseling to Clients and provide them with the supportive services, including, but not limited to substance abuse and mental health counseling, finding permanent housing and employment resources to support their transitions to economic independence.

The goals and objective of the Agreement are in the best interest of the County in terms of public safety, public health and environment because the Awakenings Program is aimed at enhancing and ensuring the health and safety of the targeted population by providing emergency housing and support services for vulnerable Clients. Housing Clients will reduce their risk of becoming victims of crime and developing general health related issues that result from inappropriate shelter. The Awakenings Program also provides links to other programs which will address the medical and mental health needs of the Clients until permanent housing is secured.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility as they help Clients transition from public assistance to employment, permanent housing and economic dependence, thereby reducing recidivism and the associated cost of their dependency on public assistance.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The tracking and monitoring include submission of monthly statistics and quarterly reports as well as direct contact in order to swiftly address any impediments to the program's success.

The Department is able to report that during the 2025-2026 contract term thus far, the YWCA Awakenings Program achieved the following outcomes:

- Average length of stay for all Clients: **365** days
- Total Clients served: **21**
- Of the **21** Clients, **5** secured permanent housing

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a) xiv thereof.

An appropriate Resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (**DSS3041-26**; the "Agreement")) with the Young Women's Christian Association of White Plains and Central Westchester ("YWCA"), pursuant to which the YWCA will operate its Awakenings Transitional Housing Program to provide justice-involved women, ex-offenders, and/or survivors of crime with a history of homelessness and/or substance abuse, a safe and structured supportive housing setting to help them re-integrate back into the community, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, for a total amount not to exceed \$225,210, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget; 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 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 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 YWCA, then YWCA shall have the right to terminate their 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 to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

1. Account to be Charged/Credited:

	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2026		22	8900	5860		\$112,605
2027		22	8900	5860		\$112,605

2. Budget Funding Year(s): 2026-2027

Start Date: 7/1/2026 End Date: 6/30/2027
(must match resolution)

3. Funding Source:

Federal	0%	CFDA#(s)			
State	29%	State ID#(s)			
Operating/Tax Levy	71%				
Capital	0%				

Total NTE: \$225,210
(must match resolution)