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County Executive

Department of Community Mental Health

Michael Orth, M.S.W  
Commissioner

**110118**

Date: December 10, 2024

To: Honorable Members  
Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Michael Orth, M.S.W.  
Commissioner, Department of Community Mental Health

Re: Request authority to enter into three (3) agreements for the implementation of “Mobile Crisis Response Teams” to address mental health, developmental disabilities, substance misuse, and co-occurring issues in Westchester County, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the not-to-exceed amounts specified below, pursuant to an approved budget, with the County having two (2) options to renew each agreement for two (2) one-year periods.

Authority is requested from your Honorable Board for the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (“DCMH” or “Department”), to enter into agreements (individually, the “Agreement” and collectively, the “Agreements”) with PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc., Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. and Family Services of Westchester, Inc. (individually, the “MCRT Provider” and collectively, the “MCRT Providers”), in order to implement “Mobile Crisis Response Teams” (“MCRT”) in the seven (7) catchment areas of Westchester County designated below, using the MCRT partnership model, to assist law enforcement, or, to serve as an alternative to law enforcement response, in addressing mental health, developmental disabilities, substance misuse, and co-occurring issues in Westchester County:

Catchment Area	Municipalities
Northern Westchester Catchment • Peekskill PD	Peekskill, Cortland, Yorktown, Buchanan, Somers, North Salem, Lewisboro
Rivertown Catchment • Ossining PD	Ossining, Briarcliff, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, Irvington Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley, Croton on Hudson
Central Westchester • Greenburgh PD	Greenburgh, Elmsford, Scarsdale, White Plains
Mid –North Westchester Catchment	Mount Kisco, New Castle, North Castle, Mount

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mt. Kisco County PD</li> </ul>	Pleasant, Pleasantville, Bedford, Pound Ridge
Yonkers Catchment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yonkers PD</li> </ul>	Yonkers, Bronxville, Tuckahoe, Hastings on Hudson
New Rochelle/Mt. Vernon Catchment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Rochelle PD Site/Mount Vernon Site</li> </ul>	Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Larchmont, Pelham Pelham Manor, Scarsdale, Eastchester
Sound Shore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port Chester PD</li> </ul>	Port Chester, Harrison, Rye, Rye Brook, Purchase Mamaroneck Town, Mamaroneck Village

Each Agreement will be for an initial term of one year, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 and for the designated catchment areas and not-to-exceed (“NTE”) amounts specified below, pursuant to approved individual budgets:

Agency	Program Catchment Area	CT NTE Amount	DCMH Funds	Agency Funds
PEOPLe: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc.	Yonkers and New Rochelle/Mount Vernon	\$1,294,816.00	\$1,165,336.00	\$129,480.00
Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc.	Northern and Central Westchester	\$1,294,816.00	\$1,165,336.00	\$129,480.00
Family Services of Westchester, Inc.	Soundshore, Rivertowns and Mid-North Westchester	\$ 1,942,224.00	\$ 1,748,004.00	\$ 194,220.00
		\$ 4,531,856.00	\$ 4,078,676.00	\$ 453,180.00

The County will have the option, at its sole discretion, to renew the initial term set forth above for each Agreement, for up to two (2) additional one-year terms (each a “Renewal Term”), wherein each Renewal Term for each Agreement will commence on January 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year.

In accordance with Section 6 of the County of Westchester’s Procurement Policy, the County conducted a request for proposal (“RFP”) process. On September 30, 2024, as part of its far-reaching plan to “Reimagine Policing” in Westchester County, the Department issued an RFP soliciting proposals from interested proposers in order to implement MCRT teams in seven (7) catchment areas using the MCRT partnership model in order to support law enforcement, or serve as an alternative to law enforcement response, to address mental health crisis by rapid engagement, assessment of needs, and providing short-term support and linkage to necessary services, such as crisis prevention and response team, crisis stabilization services, treatment programs, County Single Point of Access (SPOA), peer supports, care management, respite, and social services

Based on the Department’s careful review and evaluation of four (4) proposals received, the Department determined that the MCRT Providers submitted responsive proposals that were most advantageous to the Department.

Pursuant to the proposed Agreements, the MCRT Providers will implement “Mobile Crisis Response Teams” in the seven (7) catchment areas designated above, consisting of specially trained staff with experience in addressing mental health, developmental disabilities, substance misuse, and co-occurring issues, which do not involve known threats of violence or medical emergencies, in order to address a wide range of behavioral health related crisis including conflict resolution, suicide threats, wellness checks, substance misuse, and more, relying on a trauma-informed de-escalation and harm reduction techniques.

The primary purpose of the MCRT partnership model is to support law enforcement, or serve as an alternative to law enforcement response, in addressing mental health crisis by rapid engagement, assessment of needs, and providing short-term support and linkage to necessary services, such as crisis prevention and response team, crisis stabilization services, treatment programs, County Single Point of Access (SPOA), peer supports, care management, respite, and social services.

The proposed Agreements will serve a public purpose by supporting law enforcement in addressing mental health crisis and providing mental health intervention to individuals in crisis and/or their family members handling such individuals without the need to involve the police.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into the proposed Agreements.

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## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Community Mental Health, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through its Department of Community Mental Health (“DCMH” or “Department”), is hereby authorized to enter into agreements (individually, the “Agreement” and collectively, the “Agreements”) with PEOPLE: Projects to Empower and Organize the Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc., Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. and Family Services of Westchester, Inc. (individually, the “MCRT Provider” and collectively, the “MCRT Providers”), in order to implement “Mobile Crisis Response Teams” in the seven (7) catchment areas of Westchester County listed below, to assist law enforcement, or serve as an alternative to law enforcement response, in addressing mental health, developmental disabilities, substance misuse, and co-occurring issues in Westchester County; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that each Agreement will be for an initial term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for the designated catchment areas and not-to-exceed (“NTE”) amounts specified below, pursuant to approved individual budgets:

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**RESOLVED**, that the Agreements are subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Agreements are 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 each Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to each MCRT Provider, then such MCRT Provider 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 is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2025	263	26	X068	9856	G068	\$4,078,676.00
2026	263	26	X068	9856	G068	\$4,078,676.00
2027	263	26	X068	9856	G068	\$4,078,676.00
2025	263	26	X068	4380	G068	\$4,078,676.00
2026	263	26	X068	4380	G068	\$4,078,676.00
2027	263	26	X068	4380	G068	\$4,078,676.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025 Start Date: 01/01/2025 End Date: 12/31/2025

Funding Source (must match resolution)  
 Tax Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Aid: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \$4,078,676 (Direct Settlement Funds)  
 Other - \$453,180 (required agency match)  
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\$4,531,856  
 must match the resolution)

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