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Board of Legislators

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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Vedat Gashi
Chairman, Westchester County Board of Legislators

SUBJECT: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States d/b/a Lyndhurst commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$41,200.00 for the provision of an outdoor native garden which will be a family-friendly living art exhibition.

Authority is respectfully requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States d/b/a Lyndhurst ("Lyndhurst"), pursuant to which Lyndhurst will provide a Pollinator Pathway & Native Landscape Experience, including a new outdoor native garden which will be a family-friendly living art exhibition that celebrates native plants and pollinators ("Living Art Exhibition"). The Living Art Exhibition will be free and open to the public year-round, a destination along the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail and Westchester RiverWalk which both bisect the Lyndhurst property, a destination for pedestrians/cyclists arriving from the Westchester Landing of the Mario M. Cuomo bridge path, and will be accessible via the public bus stop at the entrance to Lyndhurst. The proposed agreement will be in an amount not to exceed \$41,200.00, for the period commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, payable an amount not to exceed half upon contract execution, and an amount not to exceed half on or about August 1, 2025, after the receipt of appropriate invoices and pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"). This Living Art Exhibition will be designed by Hudson Valley landscape artist Paula Hayes and will surround Lyndhurst's newly restored Overlook platform.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing this new Living Art Exhibition which will encourage both new and regular visitors to come to Lyndhurst.

The goal and objective of the Agreement is to provide a new outdoor family-friendly living art experience which will encourage more visitors to Lyndhurst, which in turn will bring more funds into the local economy.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement will be tracked and monitored by performance measurements as required in the Agreement.

The procurement of this Agreement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)(xiii) thereof.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

VG/AR/LAC
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States d/b/a Lyndhurst ("Lyndhurst"), pursuant to which Lyndhurst will provide a free and open to the public Pollinator Pathway & Native Landscape Experience including a new outdoor native garden which will be a family-friendly living art exhibition that celebrates native plants and pollinators to be located at the newly restored Overlook platform, in an amount not to exceed \$41,200.00, for the period commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, payable in an amount not to exceed half upon contract execution, and an amount not to exceed half on or about August 1, 2025, after the receipt of appropriate invoices and pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement"); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 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 the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take such actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Sub-unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Dollars
101	52	2509	0010	5100	\$41,200.00

Budget Funding Year(s)
(must match resolution)

Start Date 1/1/25

End Date 12/31/25

Funding Source

Tax Dollars \$41,200.00

State Aid

\$41,200.00

Federal Aid

(must match resolution)

Other

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